THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) National Archives of India takes periodic measures to fumigate documents and undertake pest control measures to eradicate insect infestation in and around the premises. The roof leakage problem has been addressed and a detailed long-term conservation plan has been drawn up for implementation over the next five year period.

Grants for protection of Heritage sites

1033. SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government supplement and release grants on the recommendations received from the Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC) for protection of heritage sites;

(b) if so, the details of the funds received from EFC supplemented by Government and released to the State Governments during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and heritage site-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that full grants have not been released to some of the States; and

(d) if so, the present status in this regard and the targeted date for settlement of the claims, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Promotion of Artifacts

1034. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to lack of care, many classical, folk and tribal artifacts are dying out in the modern lifestyle; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to promote/save these artifacts?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Government has drawn up various schemes to take care of and promote the classical, folk and tribal artifacts.

The Scheme for promotion and dissemination of Tribal/Folk Art and Culture provides grants and subsidies for undertaking projects for (i) documentation, research, survey and photographic record of artistic manifestations of tribal art; (ii) identify systems of formal and non-formal education to disseminate awareness of the richness of the tribal culture and life; and (iii) preservation and propagation of tribal art, crafts, oral traditions and other facets of tribal and rural culture.

Zonal Cultural Centers (ZCCs) had been set up by the Government with the objective of preserving and promoting various art forms particularly folk art forms including artifacts. These Centres have been taking effective steps to preserve and promote folk/tribal artifacts through Shilp Mela and workshop-cum-exhibitions. Besides this, ZCCs operate two schemes: Documentation of Vanishing Art Forms and Guru Shishya Parampara to preserve and promote folk/tribal art.

The Scheme for financial assistance for 'Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and Local Museums" provides, *inter-alia,* grant for the professional development of museums for the promotion and preservation of artifacts including antiquities, numismatics, paintings, ethnological collections, folk art etc.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides grants to the State Governments for Tribal Research Institutes for research, evaluation studies, seminars/ workshops, training programmes and museums, which includes the exhibition and preservation/conservation of tribal artifacts.

Apart from these schemes, the major museums also ensure the preservation and conservation of artifacts in their possession.

World Heritage status to NMR

1035. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nilgiris Mountain Railway (NMR) is proposed to be given world heritage status;

(b) whether the UNESCO experts have recommended for the grant of the above status;

(c) if so, the present position of the case;

(d) whether any other monument is also proposed to be conferred the above status; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Indian Railways as State Party has applied for inscription of Nilgiri Mountain Railway as a Serial Nomination to Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, as a World Heritage site.

(b) and (c) An UNESCO expert had visited Nilgiri Mountain Railway during 27th and 28th September, 2004 for inspection of the property with respect to the nomination application filed by Indian Railways. He will submit his recommendation directly to UNESCO. The contents of his recommendation are not known.

(d) and (e) Nomination dossiers for Shri Hariminder Sahib, Amritsar; and Majuli Island in Assam have been submitted to the World Heritage Centre for consideration of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

NEC projects in Tripura

1036. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the NEC projects in Tripura in respect of industry;

(b) what are the schemes undertaken by NEC for development of Tea Processing factory of Leelagarh Cha Bagan Sramik Samabaya Samiti Ltd., Durgabari Tea Estate Workers Cooperative Society Ltd. and Bamboo development for socio-economic upliftment of the rural people; and

(c) the details of the programmes and achievements, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) The status of NEC Projects in Tripura in respect of industries is enclosed in the Statement (See below).

(b) The NEC has funded Tea Processing in Leelagarh Cha Bagan Sramik Samabay Samiti Limited at a cost of Rs. 32.37 Lac and Durgabari Tea Estate Workers Cooperative Society Limited at a cost of Rs. 25 Lac, It is funding Bamboo development for socio-economic upliftment of rural people at a cost of Rs. 3.435 Crore.

(c) The schemes in respect of Tea Processing are complete. The Bamboo Project is ongoing and so far NEC has released Rs. 161.75 Lac.

STATUS OF INDUSTRY PROJECTS UNDER NEC PLAN IN TRIPURA

SI. No.	Tripura	Estimated Cost. (Rs.in Lac.)	Amount Released (Rs. in Lac.)	Remarks
1	Setting up Latex Centrefuging Factory & Crepe Mill at Tripura by TFDPC Ltd.	153.00	153.00	Project completed
2	Setting up of Process-cum-product Development Centre for Rubber Industry by TFDPC Ltd.	126.00	126.00	Project completed
3	Setting up of a Factory for Commercial Utilization of Rubber wood by TFDPC Ltd.	225.00	225.00	Project completed.
4	Setting up a Tea Factory at Mayachari - M/s Dhalal Tea Processing Cooperative Society Ltd. Mayachari, P.O. Ramdhuriapur, Kamalpur, Tripura	50.00	50.00	Project completed
5	Setting up a Tea Factory at Durgabari Tea Estatre -M/s Durgabari Tea Estate workers Cooperative Society Ltd P.O. Tebarla, Agartala, Tripura	25.00	25.00	Project completed
6	Setting up a Tea Factory at Leelagarh Tea Estate - Leelagarh Cha Bagan Sramik Samabaya Samity Ltd. Leelagarh Cha Bagan P.O. Bijoynagar Sabroom S. Tripura	32.37	32.37	Project completed
7	Setting up of a manufacturing Unit for Sweet meat and Madi Boxed, Flap Files, File Covers, Envelopes, Registers and Exercise Books by M/s Raajmahal Dhaleswar Road, Agartala, Tripura	1.85	0.18	Ongoing

SI. No	Tripura	Estimated Cost. (Rs.in Lac.)	Amount Released (Rs. in Lac.)	Remarks
8	Manufacturing of Mechanized System for bread and other confectionery products unit by M/s Swastic Food Product, Agartala, Triprua	80.74	20.18	Ongoing
9	Bamboo Development for Socio-Economic upliftment of Rural Poor through community based approach in Tripura	343.50	161.75	Ongoing

Source: NEC Secretariat, Shillong.

Fund for development of NER

1037. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government during the last three years for the development of the North-Eastem Region;

(b) the amount actually released to various States of the Region during these years; and

(c) the details of the amount actually spent through various schemes during these years by the respective State Governments, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region sanctions and funds projects in the North Eastern Region through Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). In addition, North Eastern Council (NEC) also sanctions and funds development projects in the Region. During the last three years the Government has sanctioned Rs. 1591.57 crore under NLCPR and NEC has sanctioned Rs. 1368.30 crore during the same period.

(b) The amount actually released to various North Eastern States was Rs. 1591.57 crore under NLCPR and Rs. 733.233 crore has been released by NEC to various States. This is in addition to the amount of funds released to various organiszations.

(c) The details of amount actually spent through NLCPR and NEC during these three years by respective State Governments year-wise and State-wise are as under:

Actual expenditure under NLCPR and NEC during to 2001-2002 to 2003-2004

State	2001-2002		2002-2003		2003-2004	
	(Amount in Crore Rs.)		(Amount in Crore Rs.)		(Amount in	
	NLCPR*	NEC**	NLCPR*	NEC**	NLCPR*	
Arunachal Pradesh	78.14	22.25	45.25	30.00	46.49	19.25
Assam	62.32	31.252	76.09	76.024	1.84	35.4
Manipur	31.09	0.257	22.73	2.00	44.76	75
Meghalaya	Nil	11.741	11.20	10.100	61.11	0.421 .
Mizoram	69.51	10.45	49.94	16.70	35.41	22.30
Nagaland	45.42	18.67	64.99	5.579	48.31	6.951
Sikkim	59.83	—	39.5.8	—	48.81	4.000
Tripura	97.81	0.347	54.73	60.568	66.70	28.811
GRAND TOTAL:	444.12	94.967	364.51	200.971	353.43	119.958

* Source: State Government

** Source: NEC Secretariat as per Utilisation Certificates from the States

Breach of Joint Venture Agreement by Suzuki

1038. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's Japanese Joint Venture partner in Maruti Udyog Suzuki has recently made an announcement regarding setting up of new car manufacturing and diesel engine making ventures in India in breach of understanding of their joint venture agreement and without seeking Government's consent;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any clarification in this regard from Suzuki; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to(c) Upon learning of an announcement by the Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) in Japan and Government asking for clarification in this regard, a delegation of SMC discussed the matter with Government of India (GOI) an 22.09.2004. Thereafter, it was decided that a new automobile assembly plant under a Joint Venture of Maruti Udyog Ltd.(MUL) and SMC for manufacture of high end automobiles will be set up and the new entity will share common vendors, marketing and servicing network and R&D infrastructure of MUL thus enhancing the value of MUL. Further, SMC will set up a new manufacturing facility for diesel engines in equity participation with MUL.

Categorization of public sector industries

1039. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Group of Ministers, constituted under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, in the recent past had divided the public sector industries into four categories;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the basis of categorization;

(c) the reasons for this categorization; and

(d) the policy adopted by Government after obtaining relevant information regarding these categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) A Group of Ministers (GoM) was constituted on 9.2.2000 under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission to consider and recommend, *inter alia,* in the matter of payment of wages, salaries and outstanding statutory dues of employees in Central Public Sector Units (CPSUs). GoM grouped CPSUs into four categories keeping in view their financial capacity to pay outstanding statutory dues and salary/wages of their employees as under:

Category A Profit making PSUs having capacity to pay but could not clear the dues for various reasons including legal hurdles.

Category B Loss making CPSUs capable of generating adequate

operating surplus to clear the outstanding dues in a phased manner on their own.

Category C CPSUs which can clear the outstanding dues by sale of their surplus assets.

Category DCPSU which have neither operating surplus nor surplus assets for sale and require budgetary support in view of their acute financial condition to enable them to clear the outstanding dues.

The above categorization was meant to help in formulation of action plan for liquidation of employees' dues in respective CPSUs.

(d) GoM recommendations were accepted by the Government and time schedule of liquidation of statutory and salary/wages dues of employees was drawn up and necessary guidelines were issued to all concerned in the matter.

BHEL Unit at Durgapur

1040. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state the present status of the proposal received from the West Bengal Government in July, 2004 for opening of a new Unit of BHEL at Durgapur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): The proposal was examined and it was not found feasible.

Women Commission for UTs

1041. SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY:
SHRI BALAWANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a Union Territory level Women Commission for Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu;

(b) the time frame for setting up such a Commission; and

(c) whether the National Commission for Women has made any recommendations in this behalf and if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to the information supplied by the National Commission for Women, the Commission has recommended to the Administrator of the Union Territories (UTs) of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu to take steps for the setting up of a common women's commission for both the UTs and also to consider seeking the services of women's commissions in other States/UTs such as Goa and Delhi. The UT Administration has informed the Commission that constitution of a UT level Commission is already underway.

AIDS awareness in schools curriculum

†1042. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked all the State Governments to include information about AIDS in school curriculum to make the youths aware of it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government do not feel that teachers should be given training before including such information in the schools curriculum; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are going to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) Under the National Population Education Project (NPEP), adolescence education was introduced in schools. The project is being implemented in 30 States and Union Territories through State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs)/ State Institutes of Education (SIEs). It aims at making students aware of the crucial concerns of the adolescence period including HIV/AIDS.

(b) Adolescence Education has three major components: (a) Process of Growing Up, HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse. All these components are of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

crucial importance in respect of the menace of HIV/AIDS. Two kinds of approaches are being adopted in this regard. Through curricular approach, effort is being made to facilitate and promote incorporation of HIV/AIDS elements in the National Curriculum Framework, syllabi, textbooks, other instructional materials, teaching-learning processes and evaluation process. Through co-curricular approach, activities are being organized in schools in a phased manner to influence attitude, behaviour and skill development focused on HIV/AIDS concerns among students.

(c) Yes, training of teacher is essential for effective transaction of HIV/ AIDS elements in schools.

(d) Under NPEP, training programmes are organized for orientation of curriculum framers, textbook authors, material developers and teacher educators and intensive training of master trainers and teachers. A special package of materials 'Adolescence Education in Schools: Packages of Basic Materials' has been published by the NCERT for this purpose. The State Population Education Cells located in SCERTs, SIEs have adapted and translated this package into their respective languages and are using this material in various activities including training.

Eradication of illiteracy

1043. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the achievement as provided in the National Policy on Education with reference to eradication of illiteracy as well as expenditure on education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): The National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986, as modified in 1992, envisages that "the whole nation has pledged itself, through the National Literacy Mission, to the eradication of illiteracy, particularly in 15-35 age group through various means, with special emphasis on total literacy campaigns. The Central and State Governments, political parties and their mass organizations, the mass media and educational institutions, teachers, students, youth, voluntary agencies, social activist groups, and employers, must reinforce their commitment to mass literacy campaigns, which include literacy and functional knowledge and skills, and awareness among learners about the socio-economic reality

and the possibility to change it."

As a result of various steps taken by the Government including Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Total Literacy Campaign, the literacy rate in 2001 has been recorded at 64.84 per cent, as against 52.21 per cent, in 1991. The 12.63 percent, points increase in the literacy during the period is the highest increase in any decade. The gap in male female literacy rate has decreased from 24.84 per cent, in 1991 census to 21.59 per cent, in 2001. About 30 million persons have been made literate during the last 5 years and there has been significant decline in absolute number of non-literates from 328.88 million in 1991 to 304 million in 2001.

The National Policy on Education also envisages that the outlay on education will be stepped up to ensure that during the Eighth Five Year Plan and onwards it will uniformly exceed 6 per cent of the national income. However, the allocation and expenditure on education has not so far reached this level due to resource constraints and competing priorities.

National Commission on Education

1044. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government committed to establish a National Commission on Education in pursuance of the Common Minimum Programme of the UPA combine;

(b) whether the Planning Commission has raised objections to the establishment of the Commission on the issue of overlapping of the functions of the proposed Commission with that of the University Grants Commission; and

(c) whether Government propose to model the proposed Commission on the Kothari Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) The proposal for setting up a National Commission on Education is under consideration of the Government.

(b) The Planning Commission had conveyed its views on the creation of

an Education Commission whose functions and responsibilities overlap with its functions of determining investment priorities and allocation of financial resources, as this could impair their ability to take an overall view and evolve inter-sectoral investment priorities.

(c) No decision has been taken so far.

Vacancies of Principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†1045. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the posts of regular principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas have been lying vacant for a long time; and

(b) if so, the number of the posts lying vacant and by when those vacancies would be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) It has been intimated by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan that 76 posts of Principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas are lying vacant as on 6.12.04. Some of these vacancies pertain to period prior to the financial year 2004-2005. Action has already been initiated to fill up the 76 regular vacancies.

National Commission of Education

1046. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGHREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CMP of the UPA Government promised for constitution of a National Commission on Education;

(b) if so, what action his Ministry has taken to constitute such a Commission;

(c) whether any discussion in this regard has been held with the Planning Commission;

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(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) by when the proposed commission is going to be set up; and

(f) whether the Commission is going to focus only on higher and secondary education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) The issue was discussed in an Inter Ministerial meeting on 17.8.2004, with the representatives of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Legal Affairs, Department of Expenditure and the Planning Commission. Subsequently, a note was submitted to the Prime Minister for consideration and the directions received in this regard are being processed.

Assistance to voluntary organisations/agencies

1047. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for providing assistance to voluntary organisations and agencies engaged in welfare of women and children/dissemination and spread of women education;

(b) whether it is a fact that only three NGOs from Tamil Nadu have been given a meagre assistance during the last three years;

(c) the amount released by Government to each of these organisations during the last three years and till date, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the agencies which are monitoring and auditing such organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The basic criteria used for selection of NGOs and other agencies for operating the programmes of Department of Women and Child Development include the following:

(i) Registered under one of the relevant statutory acts;

(ii) In existence for a period of at least three years after registration;

(iii) Have audited statements of Accounts for last three years;

(iv) Financial sound;

(v) Recommendation of State Governments/State Level Empowered Committees constituted for the purpose;

(vi) Experience in relevant field.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Details of the agencies to whom funds were released State-wise and scheme-wise for the last three years are available in the respective Annual Reports of the Department. Information on release of grants State-wise for the current year (till date) is in the Statement (See below).

(d) A system exists to review the performance of various organisations through periodical reports, review meetings and field visits by the concerned Programme Officers.

Statement

(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme till date / Name of the States	Details of Grants released durinq the year 2004-05					
		Swadhar	Working Women Hostel	Swaw-lamban	STEEP@	Short Stay Homes	National Creche Fund
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5.10	-	2.13	-	72.12	119.22
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	6.47	-
3.	Assam	-	-	4.19	-	20.68	34.18
4.	Bihar	-	-	-	-	47.84	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	-	-	1.14	-	-	-
6.	Gujarat	-	-	1.36	-	13.77	1.91
7.	Haryana	-	-	41.38	-	7.76	20.24
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	2.75	-	-	-
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	14.00	-	-	-
10	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	9.05	-
11	Karnataka	50.34*	5.85	21.07	-	55.28	6.46
12	Kerala	-	2.00	40.00	-	16.63	-
13	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	6.03	-	50.02	0.55

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	Maharashtra	-	70.71	48.24	-	81.07	11.83
15	Manipur	-	-	36.50	-	21.65	-
16	Meghalaya	-	-	1.14	-	-	-
17	Mizoram	-	-	-	-	2.59	-
18	Nagaland	-	-	2.34	13.74	2.59	-
19	Orissa	19.35	-	68.60	-	73.66	-
20	Punjab	-	-	-	-	6.80	-
21	Rajasthan	-	-	2.63	-	22.59	-
22	Sikkim	-	-	-	-'	-	-
23	Tamil Nadu	4.60	18.00	1.61	-	131.75	5.99
24	Tripura	-	-	-	-	7.76	-
25	Uttar Pradesh	10.68	1.07	114.65	5.29	92.10	3.69
26	Uttaranchal	-	-	1.78	-	14.22	14.78
27	West Bengal	0.56	13.86	39.14	-	72.35	14.78
28	Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	4.08	-
29	NCT of Delhi	16.79	-	-	-	12.85	-
30	D & N Haveli	-	-	-	-	3.88	-
31	Daman Diu, Goa	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Lakshadweep	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Pondicherry	-	-	-	-	7.76	-

@Support For Training And Employment Programme

*Includes Rs. 0.61 lakh released under the Grants-in-Aid for financial assistance in the field of Women and Child Development (Social Defence)

National Nutritional Programme

1048. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the National Nutritional Programme for the upper primary schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the States selected for the above purpose;,

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide cooked meals to all the students in primary school;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the fund allotted or proposed to be allotted, State-wise and category-wise; and

(e) the details of the fund allotted for various items and the number of students benefited, State-wise and category-wise as on today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) President's Address to Parliament delivered on 07.06.2004 stated that "a national cooked nutritious Mid-Day Meal Scheme... will be introduced in a phased manner in primary and secondary schools....". It is not, however, proposed to extend the scheme to Upper Primary Schools for the present.

(c) to (e) Central Government has decided to provide assistance to States to meet cooking cost under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme® Re. 1 per child per school day, for provision of cooked mid-day meal to all children in govt. and semi-govt. primary schools, in addition to the assistance which was already being provided by way of free foodgrains and transport subsidy. Revised guidelines for the Scheme have been issued. Central Assistance to meet cooking cost will be provided on above basis, on receipt of detailed proposals from State Governments.

State-wise allocation of free foodgrains and number of students being benefited under the Scheme during 2004-05 are given in the Statement (See below). Assistance by way of Transport Subsidy is not allocated in advance but reimbursed on the basis of claims preferred by States in the light of quantity of foodgrains actually lifted and transported.

Statement

State-wise allocation of free foodgrains, number of students being benefited category -wise, during 2004-05.

SI.No.	States	Allocation of foodgrains (in MTs)			No. of students covered		
		Wheat	Rice	Total	Total	SC	ST
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	2134105.27	2134105.27	9081299	544878	1362195
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	35596.80	35596.80	177984	0	135870
3	Assam	0	1016274.90	1016274.90	3387583	322894	572240
4	Bihar	0.00	1958352.00	1958352.00	9791760	1778580	85009
5	Chhattisgarh	0	565716.40	565716.40	2828582	414658	890657
6	Goa	0	12328.02	12328 02	68489	976	8
7	Gujarat	301766.90	301766.90	603533.80	3017669	321816	740841
8	Haryana	230377.20	230377.20	460754.40	1627834	502841	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	175270.20	175270.20	590351	194827	30577
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	249364.50	249364.50	831215	12178	40428
11	Jharkhand	0.00	820000.25	820000.25	3280001	448096	940848
12	Karnataka	56339.13	1119241.71	1175580.84	5126042	1139271	437249
13	Kerala	0.00	423270.80	423270.80	2116354	233618	33561
14	Madhya Pradesh	1209082.20	390662.80	1599745.00	7649784	1479824	1833917
15	Maharashtra	0	2223033.26	2223033.26	9665362	1416494	1160544
16	Manipur	0	91708.50	91708.50	305695	7366	158586
17	Megnalaya	0	100514.60	100514.60	502573	N.A.	N.A.
18	Mizoram	0	18263.23	18263.23	95619	0	91105
19	Nagaland	0	34719.60	34719.60	173598	0	173598
20	Orissa	0	135293016	1352930.16	5151346	1051628	1435960
21	Punjab	43222380	0.00	432223.80	1498697	874903	0
22	Rajasthan	165904816	26634 08	1685682.24	7662192	1575546	1232137
23	Sikkim	0.00	16720.40	16720.40	83602	4009	9172
24	Tamil Nadu	0.00	861186.40	861186.40	4305932	1140228	68831
25	Tripura	0.00	91604.00	91604.00	458020	85156	172182
26	Uttaranchal	0.00	162240.80	162240.80	811204	205636	312
27	Uttar Pradesh	1699691.60	3399383.20	5099074.80	16996916	5726035	16806
28	West Bengal	0	3025718.50	3025718.50	10326600	2319204	583196
	TOTAL:	5588528.99	20836984.48	26425513.46	107612303	21800662	12236806

Entrance test for technical courses

1049. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new policy on entrance test for technical courses has been announced;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments are given option of admitting students through entrance test conducted by Xavier Labour Research Institute, All India Management Association or the Association of Indian Management schools;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any proposal to direct the State Governments to admit the students through the All India Engineering Entrance Examination conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has revised its policy for admission for technical and professional courses. According to the new policy, admissions in undergraduate programmes in all the educational institutions like National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), National Institute of Forge and Foundry Technology (NIFFT), Ranchi, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi and other Institutes of Central Government, as specified will be made through All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). All other educational institutions like Central/Deemed Universities will have the option of participating in the above examination or conduct their own entrance examination and admit students in a fair and transparent manner.

A similar decision has been taken in regard to common entrance examinations for Admission to Master of Business Administration (MBA)/ Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) or its equivalent

programmes. As per the decision all specified Central institutions admitting students on all-India basis will have to opt for one of the five examinations as specified. All the Central/Deemed Universities will have the option to participate in these tests or conduct their own entrance examination and admit students in a fair and transparent manner. The State Governments have the option of admitting students through any of the specified Common Admission Tests or through their own entrance test.

As regard giving option to the State Governments, the State Governments shall continue to hold their own common entrance tests for admissions in institutions within their States as before. However, States willing to participate in the AIEEE for all or a part of the total seats in the State can participate in AIEEE.

National Commission on Education

1050. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a National Commission on Education on the lines of University Grants Commission for primary and upper primary education;

(b) if so, whether after having consultation with the Ministries of the Finance, Home and Planning Commission, a final decision has been taken; and

(c) if so, by when the Commission is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) The proposal for setting up a National Commission on Education is under considerastion of the Government. A final decision in the matter has not yet been taken.

Study on School Education

1051. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently conducted a study on imparting education in private and public schools;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the schools in NCT of Delhi do not provide fee-waivers to the disabled and these schools do not have pro-poor admission policy; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Media Management Group for Literacy and Development, New Delhi, an NGO, has conducted a study on "Public Utility of Private School" on the recommendation of this Ministry. The broad outcomes of the study are;

* Private schools are not contributing enough to the society.
* Out of every Rs. 100 spent by the Government towards the subsidy to the private schools, only Rs. 27 are spent towards the socially useful activities.
* 80% of the sample private schools made profit out of such subsidies.
* 20% of the sample schools spent much more than the subsidies received by them from the Government on welfare actitivies.

(c) and (d) Schools run by Government of NCT of Delhi and those being provided Grant-in-aid, do not charge any tuition fee from any student. All Unaided recognized schools of Delhi have been instructed *vide* NCT of Delhi's Order dated 27th April, 2004 for providing free education to 20% children belonging to weaker sections of the society.

Appointments of teachers in KVS

1052. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether final result for recruitment of Trained Graduate Teachers by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was declared on the 8th May, 2004 but no appointments have so far been made;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in making appointments, the number of persons who were empanelled on the basis of the test, the number of vacancies likely to be filled up during 2004-05 and 2005-06, separately; and

(c) by when the selected candidates are expected to receive appointment letters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) The results for recruitment • of Trained Graduate Teachers were declared on 12th May 2004. 403 candidates have been recommended for appointment as Trained Graduate Teachers for the year 2004-05.1025 vacanices of Trained Graduate Teachers exist as on 31st Oct. 2004 and about 200 vacancies of TGTs are likely to occur in the remaining period of 2004-05 on account of retirement and promotion etc. About 500 vacancies of TGTs are going to fall vacant during 2005-2006. As such about 1700 vacancies of TGTs will be vacant during 2004-05 and 2005-06. About 400 vacancies of TGTs would be filled up by promotion from PRTs during 2004-05 and the remaining vacancies are likely to be filled up during 2005-06 by promotion as well as by direct recruitment.

The matter of appointment of Trained Graduate Teachers is under review and a decision would be taken as soon as the review is completed.

Review of Education Scenario

1053. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are scrutinizing the periodic review of the entire education scenario including the proper implementation of DPEP in the State;

(b) whether there are any reports about the regular monitoring of staturs of education in Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details about the plans and procedures and what are the structural change being made by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) The implementation of

various schemes are monitored at appropriate levels. The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is no longer operational in the State of Maharashtra. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is designed to have community based monitoring system with provision for the State Implementation Societies (SIS) to undertake intensive monitoring. Besides, the representatives of the National Mission for Universalisation of Elementary Education and National level institutions like National Council for Teacher Education, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration and National Council of Educational Research & Training, will also undertake periodic monitoring and provide resource support to the SIS to strengthen appraisal and monitoring system.

The literacy programmes under National Literacy Mission are being monitored regularly by the State Directorates of Adult/Mass Education/ State Literacy Mission Authorities periodically. For this purpose, the Directors of Adult/Mass Education in each State has been asked to hold Monthly Monitoring Meetings (MMMs) of Zila Saksharata Samiti Secretaries to review the status and progress of literacy programmes. In these meetings, the status of literacy programmes in each district is discussed and corrective measures, if any required to improve the pace and progress of implementation are suggested. These meetings also serve the purpose of securing better coordination amongst implementing agencies, State Resource Centres, Jan Shikshan Sansthans and State Directorates of Adult Education.

National Literacy Mission is receiving consolidated monthly monitoring reports from the State Directorate of Education (Adult Education), Maharashtra, on the status of literacy programmes.

Implementation of various schemes are also reviewed through field visits, discussions with State Government officers at appropriate levels etc. The Planning Commission also hold quarterly performance review meetings in respect of the various schemes.

Construction of underground water tanks in Navodaya Vidyalayas

†1054. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Works Department has offered to construct underground water tanks in Navodaya Schools and Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government would inform to Public Works Department about its decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has offered its services for examining the premises of Kendriya Vidyalayas to find out areas of concern, related to the strengthening of infrastructure, including the construction of underground water tanks, to ensure safety of students, teachers and the structure against fire. The Central Public Works Department has not offered to construct underground water tanks in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. The Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti however, gets underground tanks in Jawahar Novodaya Vidyalayas constructed through its constructions agencies. The offer from the CPWD has been circulated by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to its Regional Offices for necessary action in consultation with the local CPWD engineers.

Commission for Minority Educational Institutions

1055. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to amend the Constitution to establish a Commission for Minority Educational Institutions that would look into affiliation of the minority professional institutions to the Central Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above Commission has suggtested affiliation of the minority professional institutions to the Central Universities;

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(d)if so, the details thereof including the action taken;

(e)whether there is any proposal to affiliate the other educational institutions like minority educational institutions to the Central Universities;

(f)if so, the details thereof; and

(g)whether the Central Universities are having any provision for such affiliation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) to (g) A Commission for Minorities Educational Institutions has been established through the promulgation of an Ordinance No. 6 of 2004 on 11th November, 2004 and the same has been laid on the Table in both the Houses of Parliament.

The functions of the Commission would be as follows:—

(i) Advise the Central Government or any State Government on any question relating to the education of minorities, that may be referred to it;

(ii) Look into specific complaints regarding deprivation or violation of the rights of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice, and any dispute regarding affiliation to a scheduled University and report its findings to the Central Government for implementation; and

(iii) To do such acts and things as may be necessary incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objects of the Commission.

The Commission has a Chairperson and two Members who have assumed their respective charge. Scheduled Universities in the Ordinance initially covers the six affiliating Central Universities. The Government has been conferred with the powers to amend the Schedule, by addition to or deletion of, any University therefrom.

Distortion in the text of National Anthem

†1056. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the word 'Gujarat' has been removed from the National Anthem printed in the text books for Class IX in Kerala and if so, it is not an attack on national integrity; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to ascertain the facts from the State Government and rectify the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI) (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Review of Education Policy

1057. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to review the Education Policy; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI) (a) and (b) Seven Committees of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) have since been constituted on the subjects of (i) Free and Compulsory Education Bill and other issues related to Elementary Education; (ii) Girls Education and the Common School System; (iii) Universalisation of Secondary Education; (iv) Autonomy of Higher Education Insititutions; (v) Integration of Culture Education in the School Curriculum; (vi) Regulatory Mechanism for the Text Books and parallel text books taught in schools outside the Government system; and (vii) Financing of Higher and Technical Education.

A decision regarding the review of the National Policy on Education will be taken based on the reports/recommendations of the CABE Committees.

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Connecting schools through internet

†1058. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking over connecting village-level primary/ middle schools through internet service; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme Rs. 15.00 lakhs per district per year is provided for computer aided learning as an innovative component of the programme.

Facts about freedom fighters in the text books

1059. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka and other States have deleted the names of Veer Savarkar and Chandra Shekhar Azad from the list of National icons in the text books;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that facts about freedom fighters are correctly given in the school text books all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) The State Governments/ UT Administrations are competent to prepare curriculum framework, syllabi and textbooks for their respective Boards. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) prepares curriculum framework and textbooks on behalf of Government of India but has no authority to prescribe textbooks for any Boards including State Boards.

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Funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Madhya Pradesh

†1060. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Madhya Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government to provide 90 per cent of funds instead of 75 per cent for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b)if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c)whether the State Government has also requested to provide rupees 40 crores for implementation of operation quality scheme formulated for training of teachers in the State; and

(d)if so, the steps Government are going to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)Funding pattern under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for 10th Plan period between Centre and State is 75:25, and applies uniformally to all States, including Madhya Pradesh. No decision has been taken so far regarding any change.

(c)and (d) Government of Madhya Pradesh is implementing 'Operation Quality for training of untrained teachers. It had sought Central assistance of Rs. 4.6 crores for this purpose under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for 2004-05, which has been sanctioned.

Scams in Central Social Welfare Board

†1061. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether any complaints of scams in the Central Social Welfare Board have been received in the recent past; and

(b)if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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Desertion of women after marrying NRIs

1062. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems faced by the young girls in Punjab and other States facing desertion after marriage to Non-Resident Indians;

(b) whether the National Commission for women has carried out any study of this phenomenon and made any recommendations concerning laws relating to marriage and succession; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the National Commission for Women, the Commission has prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs a draft convention on NRIs marriage problems, based on 5 state-level workshops organized by the Commission.

(c) Information is being collected including information from the concerned State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of private education boards

†1063. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is free to all to set up a private educational board in the absence of any Central legislation in this regard;

(b) whether Government have any information with regard to the number of fake educational boards operating in the country;

(c) whether Government consider it necessary to enact a Central legislation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal at present.

Teachers training by NCERT

†1064. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT has been allowed to undertake the work of teachers training on older pattern even after according legal status to NCTE in 1993 and now two institutes are involved in giving similar training;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to improve the situation;

(c) whether Government have considered according legal status to NCERT and Central Education Board like NCTE; and

(d) by when SCTE would get recognition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI): (a) to (d) The NCTE has been set up as a Statutory Organisation by an act in Parliament, whereas the NCERT is an autonomous organization registered under Societies Act, functioning under the ambit of this Ministry of Human Resource Development to assist and advise in all matters related to school and teacher education. Roles and functions of NCERT and NCTE being distinct, the training imparted by the two institutions are not similar. There is no proposal to give a statutory status to the NCERT.

Admission in public schools

1065. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision to give admission to the brother or sister if one of them is already studying in a public school;

(b) whether the provision is not being followed on the plea that they have to give admission to 25 per cent of the poor students; and

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(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A FATMI): (a) No, Sir. There is no legal provision for giving admission to the brother or sister if one of them is already studying in a public school.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of IIT in Kerala

1066. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States which do not have IITs;

(b) whether any proposal from Kerala is pending, to set up an IIT in the State;

(c) whether Government have taken any policy decision to set up the same in the States by upgrading the existing academic institutions; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider to set up an IIT by upgrading the existing engineering college at Thiruvanathapuram?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) 21 States in the country do not have IITs.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. In view of the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 15th August, 2003 that five new IITs will be set up by upgrading promising academic institutions, the Government has constituted an Expert Committee to identify such academic institutions. A number of proposals from various State Governments have been received by the Government and are under consideration of the Expert Committee. One of the proposals pertains to the upgradation of College of Engineering, Thiruvanathapuram, Kerala to an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT). The Report of the Committee is awaited.

Failure of NCERT

1067. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has not achieved the target fixed for the Ninth Plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that funds allocated for the Council have also not been utilised properly; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) NCERT has intimated that it was able to spend 78% of the funds sanctioned during the Ninth Five Year Plan period. The shortfall of 22% was due to delay in the completion of the construction works of the proposed building for the North East Regional Institute of Education (NERIE) at Shillong.

(b) and (c) The funds were utilised for the purposes for which they were earmarked.

Education in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1068. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memoranda has been submitted by the Parents Association of K.V. INA to improve the teaching quality and maintain discipline among the students and teachers of the school;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) in the face of increasing demand of English in today's global economy, what measures have been taken by the K.V. to impart education in English medium to those interested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan adopts both English and Hindi as medium of instructions in its schools. Students desirous to study with English as medium of instruction are being imparted education in English.

Day-care centres in Uttaranchal

†1069. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Palna-Ghar run by various organizations in Uttaranchal and out of them, how many day-care centres are being run by "Bhartiya Aadim Jati Sewak Sangh";

(b) whether some of the day-care centres have been closed down recently; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps Government are going to take to open more day-care centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) In Uttaranchal 318 creches are being run by various organizations. Out of which 59 creches are being run by Bhartiya Aadim Jati Sevak Sangh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Participation of private sector in education

†1070. SHRIMATI SAVrTA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider participation of the private sector in the field of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, envisages that "non-Government and voluntary effort including social activist groups will be encouraged, subject to proper management, and financial assistance provided. At the same time, steps will be taken to prevent the establishment of institutions set up to commercialise education."

As part of Government's policy of promoting mobilisation of maximum possible resources from the community for improvement of elementary education, in addition to the resources committed by the Government itself, guidelines for "Programme of Mobilising Local Support to Primary Schools (PLUS)" have been formulated and sent to the State Governments in February, 2004. As per para 3 of these guidelines, States have been advised to mobilise support for Government elementary schools from, among others, Industrial establishments, Public Sector Undertakings, Banks and Financial Institutions and Associations of Trade and Industry, also.

There is private investment in all sectors of education and the share of such investment is progressively more starting from primary to higher and technical education. A Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education has been set up on the subject of "Financing of Higher and Technical Education". The Committee will, among other things, suggest the ways of encouraging and regulating private participation and investments in Higher/Technical Education.

Bharat Shiksha Kosh has been constituted as a Registered Society, to receive donations/contributions/ endowments from individuals and corporate, Central and State Governments, non-resident Indians, and people of Indian origin abroad for various activities across all sectors of education.

Admission of small kids

1071. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports in the media that 1,000 kid lose school slot in Kendriya Vidyalayas due to clerical error;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the reasons given by the concerned authorities of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in this regard;

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to allow admissions in these unfilled 1000 seats; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officers responsible for this serious lapse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (e) The number of admissions of Kendriya Vidyalayas, which can be considered on the recommendations of Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, is limited to one thousand in each academic year. A further list of cases beyond the ceiling was inadvertently issued by KVS and therefore, had to be cancelled. It is not correct that owing to this cancellation, 1000 seats are unfilled. Since the list was issued inadvertently and the same was promptly rectified, no action is considered necessary.

Legislation to govern admissions in professional colleges

1072. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring an uniform legislation to govern admissions to all the professional colleges in the country;

(b) whether Government have initiated any moves to evolve a consensus of the States as education being a State subject and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government expect that the new process to be in place for the next academic year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) Some State Governments have urged the Government of India to enact a Central Legislation to regulate admission and the fee structure in private self-financing professional colleges. It has been decided to initiate a dialogue with all concerned. To start with, a meeting of the Ministers of Higher and Technical Education of

the States has been called on the 10th and 11th January, 2005 for consultations in this regard.

Report of NHRC

1073. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the recent report of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) highlighting the fact that practice of "Devdasi" system wherein socially and economically backward families are made to offer their young daughters to the temples, continue to be practiced even in non-BIMARU States like Karnataka;

(b) Government's reaction thereto especially in the light of the observation suggesting that not a single case has been booked under the Karnataka Devdasis Prohibition Act; against the priests despite many complaints and evidence of close nexus between the priests and girls traffickers; and

(c) The steps contemplated on the basis of the observations made by NHRC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The Government has recently received the report.

(b) So far 45 cases have been booked under the Karnataka Devdasi Prohibition Act. All the cases are against girl traffickers.

(c) A copy of the report is being sent to the states for further necessary action.

Conversion of Andhra University into Central University

1074. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in his Ministry for upgrading Andhra University to the level of Central University;

(b) if so, when such a request was received; and

(c) the action contemplated thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A request was received from the then Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in December, 2003.

(c) In consonance with the provisions of the National Policy of Education, 1986, Central Government is not in favour of converting existing State Universities into Central Universities and therefore, the request could not be acceded to.

Expansion of Integrated Child Development Scheme

1075. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of its commitment towards greater investment for more disadvantaged population groups and regions, Government plan a huge expansion of Integrated Child Development Scheme;

(b) if so, what are concrete proposals prepared so far;

(c) the States where these schemes are to be implemented;

(d) whether proposed scheme includes services on suplementary nutrition, early childhood education, immunization, health check up etc.; and

(e) by when these are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (e) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme aims at holistic development of children below 6 years of age and pregnant & lactating mothers from disadvantaged sections by providing a package of services comprising supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check up, referral services, pre-school non-formal education and nutrition & health education.

In pursuance of the Government's commitment to universalize the ICDS Scheme and Supreme Court's directive to the Union of India to indicate

the time frame for increasing the number of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) so as to cover 14 lakh habitations, requirement of additional projects and AWCs were called for from the State Government/UT administrations. The States/UTs have indicated, as per existing norms, requirement of 467 additional Projects and 188,168 Anganwadi Centres as per details given in the Statement (See below). The proposal for expansion of the Scheme is under process.

Statement

Expansion of Integrated Child Development Scheme

SI. No.	Name of the State	Number of additional ICDS Projects and Anganwadi Centres Required by the States/UTs.			
		Projects	Anganwadi Centres		
		AWCsin Addl. Anganwadi Centres	Total No.of new ICDS AWCs in Projects	Existing Projects	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Andhra Pradesh	13	1468	8094	9562
2	Arunachal Pradesh	27	959	-	959
3	Assam	23	1659	5000	6659
4	Bihar	139	-	22066	22066
5	Jharkhand	Nil	Nil	6683	6683
6	Goa	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Gujarat	33	259	3264	3523
8	Haryana	12	534	2453	2987
9	Himachal Pradesh	4	Nil	10894	10894
10	Jammu & Kashmir	19	725	6092	6817
11	Karnataka	Nil	Nil	11313	11313

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
12	Kerala	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
13	Madhya Pradesh	31	4657	4880	9537
14	Chhattishgarh	6	599	8898	9497
15	Maharashtra	44	2493	10371	12864
16	Manipur	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
17	Meghalaya	7	307	654	961
18	Mizoram	2	13	218	231
19	Nagaland	2	35	230	265
20	Orissa	Nil	Nil	3279	3279
21	Punjab	6	463	2228	2691
22	Rajasthan	17	1855	9186	11041
23	Sikkim	6	124	364	488
24	Tamil Nadu	Nil	Nil	3049	3049
25	Tripura	11	550	1670	2220
26	Uttar Pradesh	1	99	31399	31498
27	Uttaranchal	Nil	Nil	1134	1134
28	West Bengal	63	5752	11977	17729
29	A & N Islands	Nil	Nil	94	94
30	Chandigarh	Nil	29	-	29
31	Delhi	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
32	Dadra & N Haveli	1	77	-	77
33	Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil	10	10
34	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
35	Pondicherry	Nil	Nil	11	11
	TOTAL	467	22657	165511	188168

Place of Urdu in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1076. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the place of Urdu in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan as it is a second or Third language in most of the States and therefore liable to be neglected by the State authorities;

(b) what special steps have been taken to see that Urdu is given its due place in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(c) whether any literature and books have been prepared for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) As per Article 350A of the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of every State and of every local authority to provide adequate facilities for instruction in the mothertongue at primary stage of education for children belonging to linguistic minority group. States can seek Central Assistance under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for appropriate activities in pursuance of the above provision.

(b) State Governments have been requested to give due priority to opening of Urdu medium Elementary Schools to the extent necessary as per State norms, from the assistance sanctioned under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

(c) and (d) Textbooks and other material for Elementary Schools are developed by State agencies in languages spoken in respective States.

Autonomy to professional institutions

1077. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had come out with a detailed policy on entrance tests for admission to the technical courses in the professional institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said policy was aimed at restoring autonomy to the institutions; and

(d) what are the other steps Government are considering to give autonomy to the educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has revised its policy for admission for technical and professional courses. According to the new policy, admissions in undergraduate programmes in all the educational institutions like National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), National Institute of Forge and Foundry Technology (NIFFT), Ranchi, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi and other Institutes of Central Government, as specified will be made through All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). Respecting the autonomy of educational institutions, the Central/Deemed Universities have been given the option of either to participate in the above examination or conduct their own entrance examination and admit students in a fair and transparent manner.

A Similar decision has been taken in regard to common entrance examinations for Admission to Master of Business Administration (MBA)/ Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) or its equivalent programmes. As per the decision all specified Central institutions admitting students on all-India basis will have to opt for one of the five examinations as specified. All the Central/Deemed Universities will have the option to participate in these tests or conduct their own entrance examination and admit students in a fair and transparent manner.

(d) The Government of India is fully committed to restore the autonomy of all the educational institutions in the country. All the Central Government Educational Institutions have been allowed to get the donations/grants without routing through the Bharat Shikasha Kosh. The power to decide on the fee structure has been restored to the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs). All Central/States/Deemed Universities have been allowed to enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with foreign University without seeking prior approval of the Central/States Governments and Universities Grants Commission (UGC). A Committee of the Central Advisory Board on Education has been set up under the Chairmanship of

Shri Kanti Biswas, Education Minister, West Bengal to suggest measures for enhancing the autonomy of higher education institutions. The changes/ amendments effected to the Memorandums of Association (MoA) of the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad and Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Technology, Longowal have been reversed and their autonomy restored.

DTH operation through foreign owned satellites

1078. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on use of foreign owned satellites for beaming down programme directly for DTH operations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such permission would be given if safeguards like traffic monitoring and inspections of equipments are also built in the foreign satellite system to be hired by the DTH operators?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPALREDDY):(a)No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Accessibility to sex through DTH

†1079. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that sex would be easily accessible in the houses through DTH and at some places it is happening;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to stop it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Concerns have been expressed in various quarters about the possible misuse of DTH service for viewing pornographic channels;

(b) and (c) This issue was examined in the month of August, 2004. The detailed enquiries revealed that some pornographic channels were available

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in C band in India and therefore, a DTH Set Top Box, which receives signals in KU band, cannot be used for viewing pornographic channels available in C band unless the DTH service provider transmits these channels in its bouquet or alternatively the subscriber access the relevant CAM card and installs a huge C band receiving dish antenna. Further, the premises of M/s ASC Enterprises, the sole DTH licensee, were also inspected by a team deputed by this Ministry. It was observed that none of the pornographic channels were included in their DTH bouquet.

The DTH license conditions make it obligatory on the DTH licensee to adhere to the Programme and Advertisement codes and ensure that its facilities are not used for transmitting any objectionable or obscene content, messages or communication inconsistent with the laws of India. However, the Ministry is keeping a watch on this and related issues.

Policy on Print Media

1080. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet has decided to set up a Group of Ministers to study not only violations but also policy paradigm of print media in view of the emerging scenario and decisions taken by previous Government in 2002;

(b) if so, whether this group would consider amendments in the Press and Registration of Books Act for allowing Government to screen newspaper titles before being cleared by the Registrar of newspapers of India;

(c) if so, whether the panel has submitted its report to Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when its recommendations are likely to be considered?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) the Cabinet, while considering the Amendment

to Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, has directed that the matter may in the first instance be considered by Group of Ministers (GoM).

(c) Not yet.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Deputation status in **Prasar Bharati Corporation**

1081. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of lNFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed deemed deputation status to the employees working in the Prasar Bharati Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are planning not to absorb these employees in the Prasar Bharati Corporation;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the time schedule for absorbing them?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This was done to clarify the status of the Government servants in Prasar Bharati and to enable Prasar Bharati to exercise necessary powers of a borrowing authority.

(c) to (e) Prasar Bharati is in the process of finalisation of recruitment rules and service conditions of its employees, which will give the option to the employees for absorption, as per the provisions of Prasar Bharati Act, 1990.

Crime Based Programmes on DD new channels

†1082. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: WW the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards increasing broadcasting of Crime based programmes shown on news channels of Doordarshan; and

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(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon and the steps being taken to prevent adverse effect likely to fall upon the youths as a result of such programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati, a statutory autonomous Corporation, has autonomy in Programme matters. Prasar Bharati has informed that at present only two such programmes are being telecast and that their primary purpose is to act as deterrent to criminals and antisocial elements. All programmes on Doordarshan are required to abide by the Doordarshan's programme code.

Memorandum by NFADE

1083. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Federation of Akashwani and Doordarshan Employees (NFADE) has submitted a memorandum in September 2004, on the problem faced by the employees due to curtailment of benefits and prolonged uncertainty of status;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the issues raised?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Federation of Akashwani and Doordarshan Employees (NFADE) in their memorandum have, *inter-alia,* urged upon the Government to ensure proper funding of Prasar Bharati through the grants-in-aid and ensure that they continue to receive the facilities/benefits to which they were entitled as Government employees.

(c) The issues raised by the Federation are receiving the attention of the Government.

DD-II Metro Channel of Doordarshan

†1084. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether DD-II Metro Channel of Doordarshan has any plan of

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partnership with outside producers in production of serials;

(b) if so, the outline of the said scheme and by when it is going to be implemented;

(c) whether any advertisement has been issued in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir. The DD-lI Metro Channel ceased operation on 3rd November 2003, with the launch of the DD-News Channel.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Vulgarity in Films

†1085. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the role of Censor Board with regard to imposing restrictions on vulgarity and body exposure in Hindi films;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Censor Board has failed to restrict the body exposure and vulgarity being shown in the films; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) certifies films in accordance with the provisions under the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the guidelines framed thereunder. The guidelines, *inter alia,* stipulate the following:

- Human sensibilities are not offended by vulgarity, obscenity, or depravity;
- Such dual meaning words as obviously cater to baser instincts are not allowed;
- Scenes degrading or denigrating women in any manner are not presented;
- Scenes showing sexual perversions shall be avoided and if such

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matters are germane to the theme, they shall be reduced to the minimum and no details are shown.

(b) and (c) CBFC has informed that the certification guidelines are adhered to while certifying films.

Screening of non-Kannada Films

1086. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that between three and seven weeks embargo is imposed on screening of non-Kannada films by the States' film producers and other of Karnataka;

(b) what are the solutions worked out by Government to solve the crisis;

(c) whether it is a fact that a delegation of film producers and MPs led by Shri Amar Singh met him and the Prime Minister expressing concern over the Karnataka Film Producers decisions;

(d) the outcome of the above discussions; and

(e) whether Government are planning to evolve an uniform formula to avoid repercussions in the other States?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Culture spoken to Chief Minister of Karnataka requesting him to settle the problem according to the constitutional provisions, as it is a State Subject.

Upgradation of Air Stations in tribal belt of Orissa

1087. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa has made a proposal of setting up of additional All India Radio Stations to ensure full coverage of the population specially tribal belts and upgradation of some of the existing radio stations located in the tribal belts.

(b) whether the State Government has also written for installation of

short-wave transmitters either at Cuttack or Bhubaneswar to overcome to signal obstructions of hills or hillocks:

(c) if so, whether Government have accorded its approval and the State Government has been apprised of the position; and

(d) if not, the time-frame within which it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No such proposal for setting up of additional AIR Stations has been received by All India Radio from the Orissa Government in the recent past. However a 20 KW MW Radio Station of Sambalpur has already been upgraded to 100 KW MW Station to provide adequate radio coverage in Sambalpur and neighbouring districts of Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Sonapur, Bolangir and Bauda.

The existing 50 KW Short Wave Transmitter at Jeypore in Orissa provides coverage to the entire State of Orissa. Shortwave signals are not prone to obstruction like hills, hillocks etc.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Upgradation of Air Stations in tribal belt of Orissa

1088. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa has made a proposal for setting up of Electronic News Gathering (ENG) units at Jaypore in Koraput district and Baripada in Mayurbhanj district of the State;

(b) whether the State Government has also written for one such unit at Phulbani to cover the entire tribal belt in Southern and Western Orissa;

(c) if so, whether the above proposals have been agreed to and the State Government has been apprised of the position; and

(d) if not, the time by when it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No proposals for setting up of Electronic

News Gathering (ENG) units a Jeypore, Baripada and Phulbani has been received by Doordarshan from the Government of Orissa in the recent past.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Losses to DD during Athen's Olympics

1089. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan had to bear the loss of crores in Athen's Olympics;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had not assessed the losses before the Olympics; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati spent a sum of approximate Rs". 20.86 crores for acquiring the rights of Athens Olympic Games - 2004 and arranging its telecast over various DD channels. The total revenue generated by sale of commercial airtime was Rs. 8crores (approx.).

(c) and (d) Prasar Bharati (BCI) Act, 1990 has mandated Prasar Bharati to provide adequate coverage to sports and games so as to encourage healthy competition in the spirit of sportsmanship. In view of this, Prasar Bharati felt obligated to show the Olympic Games to the people of India even if the revenue generated were to fall short of costs incurred. It may please be noted that this has been the case with every Olympics covered by DD and AIR so far. Indeed the revenue generated during Athens Olympics is the highest ever by DD and AIR. During the last Olympics at Sydney, the revenue generation was only Rs. 1 crore.

CAS in Metropolitan

†1090. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the metropolitan cities where 'CAS' is in force;

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(b) whether CAS is in force in Delhi also;

(c) if so, since when;

(d) whether production of Set Top Boxes has been started in the country; and

(e) if so, the place where it is to be manufactured and the price of one Set Top Box?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The Conditional Access System (CAS) is currently under implementation only in Chennai city since 1.9.2003.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Presently, the Set Top Boxes (STBs) are both imported and indigenously manufactured. There are some indigenous manufacturers like the Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) at Bangalore, T.V.S. Electronics at Chennai, Flextronics at Bangalore, Celtronics at Mumbai and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) at Noida (UP) for the Set Top Boxes. The prices varies between Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 4,500/-

Time prescribed for telecast of programmes by DD

†1091. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the prescribed time for the programmes being telecast by the Delhi's Centre of Doordarshan to promote regional languages, dialects and cultural programmes and folk songs based on them;

(b) whether folk songs and cultural programmes belonging to the Garhwal and Kumaon regions of Uttaranchal are telecast every month by the Delhi's Centre; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and time limit prescribed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Programmes based on the folk and cultural activities of different regions are telecast by DDK, Delhi in the following time slots:

(i) 7.15 PM to 7.30 PM

Monday to Thursday and Sunday

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(ii) 7.30 PM to 8.00 PM

Monday

Kendra is telecasting folk songs and regional programmes of different regions regularly including folk songs and cultural programmes of Kumaon and general regions, details of few are listed below:—

1. 29.11.2003—1830 hrs.—Kumaon Lok Nritya—30 mts.
2. 13.6.2004—1915 hrs.—Garhwal Lok Geet—15 mts.
3. 9.8.2004—1915 hrs.—Garhwal Lok Geet—15 mts.
4. 7.11.2004—1915 hrs.—Garhwal Lok Geet—15 mts.

Advertising of unworthy products

1092. SHRI T. T. V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of misuse of media for advertising unworthy products to deceive people;

(b) If so, whether Government would make product quality certificate essential for the products to be advertised through any media; and

(c) whether Government would also set up an authority to issue such certificate?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) In so far as the Print media is concerned, the Government does not interfere in the matters relating to the Press. The Press Council of India (PCI) is a statutory authority established for preserving the freedom of the Press and for maintaining and improving the standards of newspapers and news agencies in India. PCI has set the Norms for Journalistic Ethics, which states that the editors should insist on their right to have the final say in the acceptance or rejection of advertisements. The Advertisement Code framed by the Advertising Standard Council of India (A.S.C.I) aims to ensure the truthfulness and honesty of representations of claims made by advertisement and to safeguard against misleading advertisements.

As regards the electronic media, Prasar Bharati, a statutory autonomous Corporation, follows its own code for commercial advertising, which contain stringent provisions for safeguarding the interest of society in general, and consumers in particular. Advertisements transmitted/retransmitted through the Cable Television Network are required to adhere to the provisions of the Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Network Rules 1994 which *inter-alia* prescribes that advertisements shall conform to the laws of the country. The product advertised shall not suffer from any defect or deficiency as mentioned in the Consumer Protection Act 1986, and shall not contain references which are likely to lead to public to infer that the product advertised has some miraculous property or quality which is difficult of being proved.

Earning from advertisements on TV Channels

1093. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate earning from the advertisements shown on TV Channels in a year in Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi Doordarshan; and

(b) whether there is any check to scrutinize the adds before display and if so, the details of the guidelines being followed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The average yearly earning from advertisements at these Kendras during the last three years are as under:—

DDK, Mumbai — Rs. 19.50 crores

DDK, Kolkata — Rs. 22.75 crores

DDK, Delhi —Rs. 11.50 crores

(b) Yes, Sir. The guidelines followed by Doordarshan in this regard provide for clearance of the story board of the advertisement by Doordarshan before its production and preview of the advertisement based on the approved storyboard in terms of the provisions of the Code for Commercial Advertising. Only such advertisements that are approved through this process are allowed to be telecast on the different channels of Doordarshan.

Right to speedy trail of cases

1094. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether article 21 of the Constitution on protection of life and personal liberty bestow and unviable right to speedy trial to citizens;

(b) whether the 85th Report on Law's delays and arrears in Courts laid in Parliament during 2002 Budget session, records more than 2,03,25,750 cases pending in district and sub-ordinate courts, 35,57,637 in High Courts and 21,995 in Apex Courts as on 31st October 2001; and

(c) if so, Government's comments thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Article 21 of the Constitution of India does not bestow such right on citizens. However, although the right to speedy trial is not specifically mentioned as a fundamental right, it is implicit in the broad sweep and content of said article.

(b) According to the 85th Report of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on law's Delays: Arrears in Courts, laid on the table of the Rajya Sabha in March, 2002,2.01 crore cases had been pending in District and Subordinate Courts as on 31.8.2000, and 35,54,687 cases and 21,995 cases pending in High courts and Apex court respectively as on 31.10.2001.

(c) The observations of the Committee were forwarded to the Chief Justices of the concerned High Courts and Chief Ministers of the concerned State Governments on 25.2.2002 by the then Minister of Law and Justice for necessary action in the matter. The Government has been periodically monitoring the pendency position in courts. The steps taken for speedy disposal of pending cases, include timely filling the vacancies of judges, increasing the judge strength, grouping of cases involving common questions of law, constitution of specialized benches, organizing Lok Adalats at regular intervals, encouraging alternative modes of dispute resolution like negotiation, mediation and arbitration and setting up of special tribunals like Central Administrative Tribunals, State Administrative Tribunals, Income Tax Appellate Tribunals, Family Courts, Labour Courts and Fast Track Courts etc.

Amendments to the Hindu Succession Act

1095. SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has amended the Hindu Succession Act 1990 in order to make the daughters coparceners of the Joint Family alongwith son;

(b) the impact of the above Amendment on the Status of women in the State;

(c) whether the National Commission for women has carried out a study on implementation of the Hindu Succession Act, 1994 (Amendment) in Karnataka through the National Law School of India University; and

(d) if so, the findings and recommendations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Hindu Succession (Karnataka Amendment) Act, 1994 allows daughters of Hindu Undivided family to enjoy equal right to property as sons enjoy.

(b) to (d) The National Commission for Women has commissioned a study through the National Law School of India, University, Bangalore to find out how far the amendment made in the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 in the State of Karnataka have benefited women in the State. The study found that providing education to women is of critical importance as otherwise they would not be able to fight for their rights. The study also found the need for a support system to help women for protecting their property and to make best use of the property.

Fast Track Courts

†1096. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 11th Finance Commission have recommended to set up 2855 fast track courts;

(b) if not, the correct number thereof;

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(c)the number of fast track courts set up so far; alongwith the number of the courts operating at the moment; and

(d)by when the remaining courts would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b)The 11th Finance Commission have recommended to set up 1734 fast track courts in the country;

(c)So far, 1690 fast track courts have been set up out of which 1509 courts are functional.

(d)It is the combined responsibility of the State Governments and the concerned High Courts to set up fast track courts. Supreme Court in its judgement dated 6th May, 2004 in the case of Brij Mohan Lal *Vs.* Union of India & Others have directed the State Government and the High Courts to establish all the fast track courts within three months from the date of its judgement and its is monitoring the position from time to time *vide* this case through hearings.

Disposal of cases by Fast Track Courts

†1097. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that the number of cases disposed off by the Fast Track Courts has been below the expectation during the last three years;

(b)if so, the fact in this regard; and

(c)the average number of cases disposed off annually by these courts and to what extent these are below the expectations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) The Eleventh Finance Commission has recommended the scheme of fast track courts with a guideline to dispose off 14 sessions trial cases in a month. As per information available with the Department as on 30th November, 2004, the national average disposal of case by fast track courts is 14.92 cases..

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(c) No such information is maintained in the Department. However, as per the latest information available with department, the fast track courts have disposed off 5.14 lakh cases out of 11.43 lakh cases transferred to them which amounts to 44.97 percent of cases disposed off by fast track courts.

Draft Report of Delimitation Commission

†1098. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delimitation Commission has prepared a draft report in respect of the Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies of Bihar:

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that representatives of the political parties had registered their protests against the draft report the moment it came to light;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Commission had consulted the local people while preparing its draft report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Rise in pending cases

1099. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI NARAYAN SINGH KESARI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cases accumulated and pending in the Supreme Court, High Courts as well as in District Courts across the country has witnessed substantial increase over the last one year;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the cases, both civil and criminal, pending in Apex Court, High Courts and in Districts/Session Courts as on the 1st January of 1998,1999,2000,2001 and the 1st September, 2004;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures contemplated, if any for elimination of factors responsible for the delay in disposal of litigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (c) A Statement is enclosed. *(See* below)

(b) and (d) There are many reasons for pendency of cases in various courts. Some of these reasons include inadequacy of judge strength, non-filling up of vacancies of judges, Lawyers' strike and frequent adjournment of cases.

(e) The Government has been periodically monitoring the pendency position in courts. The steps taken for speedy disposal of pending cases, include timely filling the vacancies of judges, increasing the judge strength, grouping of cases involving common questions of law, constitution of specialized benches, organizing Lok Adalats at regular intervals, encouraging alternative modes of dispute resolution like negotiation, mediation and arbitration and setting up of special tribunals like Central Administrative Tribunals, State Administrative Tribunals, Income Tax Appellate Tribunals, Family Courts, Labour and Fast Track Courts etc.

Statement

Supreme Court

SI.No.	Pendency of cases		As on
	Admission	Regular	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	5301	13731	1.1.98
2.	7016	13342	1.1.99

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3.	6964	13370	1.1.2000
4.	8588	13557	1.12001
5.	13589	16790	1.9.2004

High Courts

Sl.No.	Pendency of cases		As on
	Civil	Criminal	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	2731061	339690	1.1.1998
2.	2338634	355490	1.1.1999
3.	2674028	392159	1.1.2000
4.	2446599	477125	1.1.2001
5.	2635701	600462	30.6.2004

Subordinate Courts

Sl.No.	Pendency of cases		As on
	Civil	Criminal	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	6893840	13245237	1.1.1998
2.	6774684	13412229	1.1.1999
3.	6333662	12787084	1,1.2000
4.	6893426	13621265	1.12001
5.	6655680	16202909	30.6.2004

Pending cases in Delhi Courts

1100. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases in Delhi Courts at various levels upto sessions courts and as on September 30,2004;

(b) the number out of them pending for (i) more than three years but less than five years (ii) for more than five years but less than ten years and (iii) for over ten years;

(c) whether a large number of cases are pending due to vacancies of judges; and

(d) if so, the number of sanctioned posts and the vacancies of judicial officers in Delhi, category-wise and the action propose to be taken to fill the vacancies and otherwise to expedite the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

New technology in judicial systems

†1101. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have also added the condition that same amount also be contributed by the State Governments in Centrally sponsored projects to equip the judiciary with the latest technology;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that most of the States have not taken the Central grant due to their poor economic conditions; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider to provide the whole amount itself without depending on the States in order to bring improvement in judicial system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme relating to development of infrastructure facilities for the judiciary is being implemented only to augment the resources of the State Governments. One of the main conditions of the scheme is that the State Government must come forward with a matching share to the amount released by the Central Government. However, the State Governments are free to utilize additional funds from their own resources. Funds are being released for construction of court building and residential accommodation of the

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judges/judicial officers and out of this, some funds are being earmarked for information technology in court as per direction of Planning Commission.

(b) Most of the States have taken the Central grant for the purpose.

(c) The Department of Justice is committed to the use of technology as more for modernization of courts. In pursuit of this objective, a comprehensive programme of full-scale computerization under Central Sector is proposed.

Judicial reforms

1102. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need for judicial reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas identified in this regard; and

(d) by when the steps would be taken to initiate the process of reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) Judicial reforms is a continuous process. It keeps pace with the changing time, conditions and requirements of the people. All efforts of the Government is geared to provide speedy and inexpensive justice to the common man.

The areas identified in this regard are court and case management in higher and lower judiciary, augmentation of physical and IT infrastructure, filling up of vacancies of Judges, simplification of judicial procedures, and training for improvement in the quality of administration of justice.

In recent-past various reforms have taken place in the judicial system of the country for speeding up the delivery of justice. Setting up of Fast Track courts and Special Courts, Computerisation of judiciary, simplification of judicial procedure, augmenting Judges strength in High Courts and subordinate Courts, training of Judicial Officers in Court management, organising Lok Adalats and alternative modes of dispute resolution and setting up of special tribunals are some of the aspects of ongoing judicial reforms.

Steps for speedy disposal of cases

1103.SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that anachronistic investigative methods, coupled with archaic procedural and criminal laws are a major cause of judicial delays and the increasing acquittals, thereby creating a tension-free environments for terrorists, separatists, mafias, tax thieves etc.;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to adopt with a view to ensuring speedy dispensation of justice; and

(c) how the menace of planted and stock witness, complete volte-face by witnesses, and uninspiring confidence, at times exhibited by trying judges, is proposed to be tackled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Criminal laws are amended from time to time to deal with the socio-economic environment in the country and changing crime patterns. Laws are framed or amended to meet the changing trends in criminal offences.

(b) For speedy dispensation of justice, Government has taken various actions like establishment of fast track courts in many places in the country.

(c) In the Indian Penal Code, provisions are already there for punishing anybody for giving false evidence. The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2003 has already been moved in the Parliament for amending the Code of criminal procedure, to deal with the problem of witnesses turning hostile. It has provisions for summary trial for perjury and also enhanced punishment for this offence.

National Judicial Commission

1104. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission to review the

working of the Constitution had recommended that a National Judicial Commission be set up so that there is wider public participation and transparency;

(b) whether Government have examined the recommendation and if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) in view of the complaints on the functioning of the judiciary particularly at the higher levels, which can be looked into by such a National Judicial Commission, why there has been so much delay in appointing the Commission; and

(d) the time frame to set up the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Constitution (Ninety Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2003 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 9.5.2003 for setting up of a National Judicial Commission. The Bill has, however, lapsed due to dissolution of the last Lok Sabha in May, 2004.*-

(c) and (d) The Chief Justice of India and the Chief Justice of a High Court have the competence to receive complaints against the conduct of the Judge of his Court and when he receives any, he would look into it whether the allegations deserve to be closely looked into. There is no proposal for setting up of National Judicial Commission.

Constitution Review Commission

1105. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received recommendations of the Constitution Review Commission set up by the previous Government; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution submitted its report to the Government on 31 st March, 2002.

(b) The full text of the report of the Commission has been put on the

Internet and the report has also been forwarded to all Ministries/ Departments. Action on the recommendations lies with the Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India, which are administratively concerned with the subject matter of the recommendations.

Child adoption

1106. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Muslims, Christians and Parsis cannot 'legally' adopt a child in India; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed for enacting a legislation so that non Hindu parents can adopt a child?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Even though there is no general law of adoption in India, yet recourse can be had to the provisions of the Guardian and Wards Act, 1890 for getting oneself appointed as guardian of any minor child of any religion through court. The question of bringing in a uniform legislation on adoption was twice attempted *vide* the Adoption of Children Bill, 1972 and the Adoption of Children Bill, 1980 but could not succeed due to strong opposition from certain communities. It is the consistent policy of the Central Government not to interfere in the personal laws of the minority communities unless the initiative therefor comes from those communities. In the circumstances, as stated above, at present there is no proposal with the Central Government to bring in any uniform law on adoption.

Deficiency in Electronic Voting Machines

†1107. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Engineers have claimed to expose the short comings in the Electronic Voting Machines (EVM's); and

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking seriously the claim of a Chennai based Engineer that tampering with the Electronic Voting Machines is possible?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Election Commission has informed that one Engineer from Chennai has claimed that he can prove that electronic voting machines can be manipulated.

(b) The Election Commission afforded the said Engineer opportunity to prove his claim to the Commission in the presence of technical experts from the two manufacturing companies *viz.* M/s Electronics Corporation of India Limited and M/s Bharat Electronics Limited but he did not respond to the offer.

Implementation of court orders

1108. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue clear instruction to the State Governments to make sure that the rule of law prevails and court orders are implemented in letter and spirit;

(b) whether Government are aware that decision of the Allahabad High Court on Writ Petition No. 2757 of 1995 has not been implemented by Uttaranchal Government making a mockery of the judicial process;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ensure that legal propriety is maintained and strict action is taken against the officials responsible for such inaction; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE {SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) The wilful disobedience of any judgement, decree, direction, order, writ or other process of a court or wilful breach of an undertaking given to a court constitutes a contempt of court under the provisions of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. Further, under article 215 of the Constitution of India, every High Court shall be a court of record and shall have all the powers of such a court including the power to punish for contempt of itself.

The aforesaid statutory provisions are binding on every body including Central Government, State Governments and all local or other authorities

with in the territory of India and they are duty bound to obey the court judgement/orders.

Special Identity Cards for physically handicapped

1109. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Special Identity Cards have been issued for the physically challenged people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such cards distributed so far; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to help the physically handicapped people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Guidelines were circulated in August, 2000 for adoption by the State Governments/UT Administrations for issue of Identity Cards to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). The actual issue of Identity Cards comes within the purview of State Governments/UT Administrations and therefore, all information regarding the Identity Cards is available with the State Governments/UT Administrations.

(d) Steps Government is taking to help physically handicapped people are:-

1) Grant in aid assistance is released to voluntary organizations for running special education and vocational training programmes, placement services, shelter workshops, home based services, etc.

2) Scheme of assistance of disabled persons for purchase and fitting of aids and appliances (ADIP).

3) National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) provides loans on soft terms through State Channalising Agencies to persons with disability for self-employment and income generating activities.

4) There are six National/Apex Institutes under the aegis of the Ministry

working for the welfare and rehabilitation of disabled as well as manpower development, research, etc.

5) Scheme for setting up Composite Regional Centres for providing composite rehabilitation services and Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs) for persons with spinal injuries and other orthopedic disabilities.

6) Eleven District Rehabilitation Centres have been set up to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to the rural disabled. 4 RRTCs have also been set up for training and manpower development in their field of rehabilitation.

7) 133 districts in the country have been selected for setting up of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres of which 108 are functional.

8) Science and Technology Project in Mission Mode for developing appropriate and innovative technological appliances for the benefit of disabled persons.

9) National Trust for the Persons with Autism, Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy and Multiple Disabilities extends support to registered organisations to provide need based services during periods of crisis in the family of the persons with disability and also promotes measures for care and protection of these persons in the event of death of their parents or guardians.

10) A Scheme of National Scholarship for Persons with Disabilities was introduced from the year 2002-2003. Every year 250 awards each for male students and female students in different categories of disabilities will be given for pursuing higher and technical education.

Scheme for elderly people

1110. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to extend unemployment allowances, health care for elderly people and any other relief measures for the disabled and orphans;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the annual expenditure to be incurred; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) There is no scheme under consideration of Government to extend unemployment allowance for elderly people. However, many State Governments are providing unemployment allowance and disability pension to persons with disabilities.

Financial assistance is also given to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for running Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres and Mobile Medicare Units under the Integrated Programme for Older Persons. There is a provision of Rs. 18.79 crores for the year 2004-05 under this scheme.

Under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, NGOs are supported in running special schools, vocational training programmes and other rehabilitation services for disabled persons. This year there is a provision of Rs. 80 crores under this Scheme.

Adoption of abandoned infants is facilitated through funding Shishu Grihs for which there is a budgetary provision of Rs. 2.65 crores this year.

Draft legislation for minorities

†1111: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Minorities proposes to present its draft to Government for a new legislation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Commission is of the view that it is the minorities which have mostly suffered in the communal riots that took place so far; and

(d) if so, by when the new legislation would be enacted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) National Commission for Minorities (NCM) has no proposal to present to the Government, a draft regarding new legislation to tackle

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communal violence. It is not correct that the Commission is of the view that it is the minorities which have mostly suffered in the communal riots that took place so far in the country.

Reservation to Backward Classes amongst minorities

†1112. SHRIMATI MAYASINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to constitute a National Commission for providing reservation in Government jobs, educational institutions etc. to the backward classes amongst the minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Commission is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) A National Commission to recommend measures for welfare of socially and economically backward section among Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) including reservation in education and Government employment has been set up *vide* Resolution No. 1-11/2004-MC(D) dated 29.10.2004 published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part-I Section-I.

Job reservation in private sector

1113. SHRIMATI HEMAMALINI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of bringing in a legislation for reservation of jobs in the private sector has been rejected by Government;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government have made their position clear to all the allies, particularly the left parties; and

(c) what is Government's latest stand on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) According to the National Common Minimum Programme, the

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Government has to initiate a national dialogue with all political parties, industry and other organizations to see how best the private sector can fulfil the aspirations of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe youth. Accordingly, 218 organisations of the industry and trade in the corporate world have been addressed to elicit their views/comments on affirmative action including reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Private Sector. After receiving their response, meetings will be held with the industry and thereafter, consultations will be held with the political parties and other organisations on this issue. However, no enactment is proposed.

Outreach programme of the NIOH, Kolkata

1114. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the outreach programme of the National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Kolkata;

(b) whether it is a fact that this programme has been well received in many States;

(c) the steps proposed to activate the NIOH to continue the outreach programme;

(d) whether the NIOH would assist the tribals and weaker sections in such programmes; and

(e) what other steps would be taken to further this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, (NIOH) Kolkata, organizes Composite Rehabilitation Camps for assessment of persons with disabilities (PWDs) and fitment/distribution of aids and appliances. These camps are also used for awareness generation for prevention of disabilities and propagation of various schemes. During the current financial year 16 Camps were organized benefiting 3724 PWDs. NIOH has also set up a Composite Regional Centre (CRC) at Srinagar and 13 District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) in various districts of West Bengal, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim,

and Andaman and Nicobar Islands for providing rehabilitation services and fitment/distribution of aids and appliances to the PWDs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Outreach programme is one of the major activities of the Institute through which rehabilitation services are provided to the persons with disabilities who are residing in rural and remote areas.

The Institute has planned a number of identification and distribution camps through DDRCs and CRC at Srinagar to further its outreach services. Many DDRCs *viz.,* Ranchi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Tejpur, Dimapur, Shillong etc. are located in predominantly tribal districts.

Scheme for the elderly persons

1115. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether October 1st of every year is observed as the International Day for elderly people in India;

(b) if so, the manner in which this day has been celebrated this year;

(c) whether Government are running some grant-in-aid schemes for the elder persons;

(d) if so, the details and salient features thereof;

(e) whether Government have set up a National Council for the Elder Persons to advise and assist Government on policies and programmes for elder persons;

(f) if so, its composition and terms of reference; and

(g) what is the future plan of action for welfare of the elder persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A "Walk for Health" was organized in New Delhi in which more than 2500 senior citizens had participated. Messages from the President, Prime Minister, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment

were published in the leading newspapers of the country. Further, eleven distinguished senior citizens were felicitated with "Chirayush Samman" (wishing elders long life) by the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment for their contribution in different walks of life. Besides, all State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations had been requested to celebrate the International Day for Older Persons, through holding of appropriate programmes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is running two grant-in-aid schemes, namely, (i) "An Integrated Programme for Older Persons" under which financial assistance is given to the Non-Governmental Organisations for running old age homes, day care centres and mobile medicare units; and (ii) "Scheme of assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Voluntary Organisations/Self Help Groups for construction of old age homes/muiti service centers for older persons", under which financial assistance is given to the Non-Governmental Organisations for construction of old age homes.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(0 At present, there are 81 members in the National Council for Older Persons (NCOP) with the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment as its Chairperson.

The terms of reference of the NCOP are:

i) Advise the Government on policies and programmes for older persons.

ii) Provide feedback to the Government on the implementation of the NCOP as well as on specific programme initiatives for older persons.

Hi) Advocate the best interest of older persons.

iv) Provide a nodal point at the national level for redressing the grievances of older persons which are of an individual nature.

v) Lobby for concessions, rebates and discounts for older persons both with the Government as well as with the corporate sector.

vi) Represent the collective opinion of older persons to the Government

vii) Suggest steps to make old age productive and interesting.

viii) Suggest measures to enhance the quality of inter-generation relationships best interests of older persons.

(g) The future plan of action is to expand the number and area coverage of the schemes meant for the welfare of older persons.

Reservation for SC/ST/OBCs in private sector

1116. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of bringing a legislation to provide reservation for SC/ST/OBCs in the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) According to the National Common Minimum Programme, the Government has to initiate a national dialogue with all political parties, industries and other organisations to see how best the private sector can fulful the aspirations of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe youth. Accordingly, 218 organisations of the industry and trade in the corporate world have been addressed to elicit their views/comments on affirmative action including reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the private sector. However, no enactments proposed.

Resources to disabled persons in Chhattisgarh

†1117. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals are under Government's consideration to provide essential resources and services to the disabled persons in Chhattisgarh;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the districts identified during the current year and funds sanctioned for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Grant-in-aid of Rs. 4.34 lakhs has been provided to two voluntary organisations for running of Special Schools for Mentally Retarded Children, Hearing Handicapped and for Teachers Training Courses in the District of Korba and Drug under Deen Dayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme. The National Trust for Welfare of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities has assisted three voluntary organizations in the District of Raipur, Durg and Korba with an amount of Rs. 21.29 lakhs under establishment of Relief Institution Scheme and the Community Based Caregivers Training Scheme. The National Trust has also provided Rs. 1.01 lakhs to the Local Level Committees (LLCs) of the following ten districts-Bastar, Bilaspur, Dantewada, Durg, Jashpur, Korba, Mahasamund, Raigarh, Raipur and Surguja in the current year.

Jeevan Aadhar Plan for disabled persons

1118. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the beneficiaries under the Jeevan Aadhar Plan for maintenance of disabled persons since 1996, State-wise; and

(b) the criteria adopted to consider the disability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) As per information furnished by Life Insurance Corporation of India, under the Ministry of Finance, they have sold policies under Jeevan Aadhar Plan as under:

Financial Year	Number of Policies
1996-97	2000 (approximately)
1997-98	990

Financial Year	Number of Policies
1998-99	1301
1999-2000	1265
2000-01	1111
2001-02	1078
2002-03	1965
2003-04	1817

No State-wise data is available.

(b) Disabled persons mean those who are suffering from a permanent physical disability (including blindess) of mental retardation, specified in the rules made by the Central Board of Direct Taxes for the purpose of Section 80 DDA of Income Tax Act, 1961, which is to be certified by a physician, a surgeon, an oculist or psychiatrist, as the case may be, working in a Government hospital and which has the effect of reducing considerably such person's capacity for normal work or engaging in a gainful employment or occupation.

Policy for tribal welfare

1119. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased state:

(a) the number of Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to come out with a comprehensive policy for tribal welfare; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken to create awareness for education amongst the tribals?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) As per Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 2002 (10 of 2003), there are approximately 697 tribes in India alongwith their synonyms.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, The draft national alongwith the additional national policy brought out by Ministry of Tribal Affairs suggests coordinated and

concerted efforts for accelerating socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes maintaining their distinct culture, envisages socio-economic empowerment and documentation of rich traditional practices and wisdom enshrined in the tribal culture. It also addresses the problems of poverty, health and nutrition, sanitation and environmental hygiene in tribal communities by appropriate measures and provides a strong and effective relief and rehabilitation system to ameliorate the miseries of tribals due to displacements. Aslo the two draft policy considers formal education as the key to all-round human development. It attempts to address the problem of education among the ST populations and suggests a number of remedial measures to ensure better education among the tribals.

Rehabilitation of landless tribals of Vishakhapatnam

1120. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate measures have been taken to help landless poor tribals displaced be bauxite mining of areas of Vishakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to ensure that adivasis are not deprived of their rights in their domain?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh there are no leases for bauxite in Vishakhapatnam and consequently there is no displacement of tribals. Besides, a National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation for Project Affected Families has been circulated by the Ministry of Rural Development which ensures the minimum benefits to the displaced persons including the tribals.

Financial assistance to students

1121. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government release financial assistance to the State Governments under the Centrally sponsored schemes for construction of

hostels, ashrams, grant of scholarships, creation of book banks, etc., for pre and post-metric and university students belonging to STs and for training such students for their Board and other competitive examinations;

(b) if so, the details of the Central assistance released for various activities during the last five years, State-wise, year-wise and activity-wise;

(c) whether any requests from the Government of Karnataka for assistance to implement various such projects are pending consideration of the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the present status of each proposal?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHR P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The grant-in-aid released during the last five years for ST students under the schemes of construction of Girls/Boys Hostels, Ashram Schools, Post Martic Scholarship, Books, Upgradation of Merit and Coaching and Allied to various State Governments/UT Administrations, year-wise and scheme-wise is at Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) The State Government of Karnataka has submitted a few proposals to Ministry of Tribai Affairs as per details given below alongwith their status:—

(i) Girls/Boys Hostels:—The proposal was incomplete because it did not include the Utilization Certificate of the previous grant, cost of estimates as per the prevailing rates of CPWD/PWD and Physical Progress Report of the hostels sanctioned in previous years. State Government has been requested for clarification/information.

(ii) Ashram Schools:—The proposal was incomplete because it did not include the Utilization Certificate of the previous grant and Physical Progress Report of Ashram Schools sanctioned in previous years. State Government has been requested for clarification/information.

(iii) Post Matric Scholarship (PMS): — The proposal has been processed.

(iv) Coaching and Allied: —The Proposal has been processed.

(i) Grants-in-aid released under the scheme of Girls Hostels for ST Students

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No	States/Uts.	1999-2000 Amount released	2000-2001 Amount released	2001-2002 Amount released	2002-2003 Amount released	2003-2004 Amount released
1	Andhra Pradesh	178.88	0	232.5	128.00	76.50
2	Assam	0	0	0	0	
3	Gujarat	6.25	0	10.29	0	
4	Himachal Pradesh	79.9	0	126.6	0	
5	Daman & Diu.	0	0	0	0	
6	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	
7	Kerala	14.7	0	0.59	0	
8	Madhya Pradesh	0	44.8	0	440	
9	Manipur	0	0	0	0	24.92
10	Maghalaya	0	11	0	13.75	
11	Orissa	13.15	8.5	25	0	41.46
12	Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	
13	Tamil Nadu	100	0	0	0	
14	Tripura	0	20	10	0	
15	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0	0	
16	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	26.16
17	J&K	0	0	0	0	
18	Karnataka	0	0	40	0	50.00
19	Maharashtra	0	0	67.72	0	
20	Bihar	0	0	0	0	
21	Nagaland	0	32.5	0	32.5	75.00
22	JNU Delhi	0	117	0	0	115.31
23	Jharkhand	0	0	197.4	0	408.93
24	Chhattisgarh	0	0	10	0	
25	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	20.00	
	TOTAL:	392.9	233.8	720	634.25	818.28

(ii) Grants-in-aid released under the scheme of Boys Hostels for ST Students

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI.No.	States/Uts.	1999-2000 Amount released	2000-2001 Amount released	2001-2002 Amount released	2002-2003 Amount released	2003-2004 Amount released
1	Andhra Pradesh	87.30	0	0	204.5	200.5
2	Assam	0	0	0	0	0
3	Gujarat	3.00	0	21.57	0	0
4	Himachal Pradesh	87.22	0	113.5	0	0
5	Daman & Diu.	0	0	0	0	0
6	D& N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0
7	Kerala	22.05	0	22.05	0	0
8	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	422.00	0
9	Manipur	26.00	0	0	0	24.92
10	Maghalaya	0	13.75	0	13.75	0
11	Orissa	0	12.75	30	0	0
12	Rajasthan	319.20	0	0	0	0
13	Tamil Nadu	50.00	0	0	0	0
14	Tripura	103.70	0	40	0	50.00
15	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
16	West Bengal	0	0	0	5.00	21.60
17	J & K	0	0	0	0	0
18	Karnataka	0	75.00	135	0	100.00
19	Maharashtra	0	0	217.9	0	0
20	Bihar	0	0	0	0	0
21	Nagaland	0	32.50	0	32.5	75.00
22	JNU/IIT Delhi	0	116.70	50	0	115.31.
23	Jharkhand	0	0	197.4	0	408.90
24	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	10	38.00	0
	TOTAL :	698.5	250.7	837.4	715.75	996.2

(Hi) Grants-in-aid released under the scheme of Ashram schools in TSP areas

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI.No.	Name of the States/UTs	1999-2000 Amount released	2000-2001 Amount released	2001-2002 Amount released	2002-2003 Amount released	2003-2004 Amount released
1	Andhra Pradesh	225.86	0	262.5	0	380
2	Assam	0	0	0	0	0
3	Gujarat	83.17	0	157.25	0	0
4	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
5	Daman & Diu.	0	0	0	0	0
6	Kerala	116.5	0	0	0	0
7	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	820	0
8	Manipur	3	0	0	0	0
9	Orissa	0	0	0	0	0
10	Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	0
11	Tamil Nadu	53.75	0	0	0	0
12	Tripura	50	0	50	0	50
13	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
14	Karnataka	0	0	128	130	0
15	Maharashtra		0	0	0	0
16	Chhattisgarh	0	0	400	0	0
17	Uttaranchal	0	0	0	0	217
	TOTAL:	532.28	0	997.75	950	647

(iv) Grants-in-aid released under the scheme of post metric scholarships for ST students

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI. No.	States/UTs	1999-2000 Amount released by Ministry	2000-2001 Amount released by Ministry	2001-2002 Amount released by Ministry	2002-2003 Amount released by Ministry	2003-2004 Amount released by Ministry
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Andhra Pradesh	96302300	157774040	191509920	77488295	24356970
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13000000	0			651884
3	Assam	200559900	100000000		127594065	
4	Bihar	120689600	0			
5	Gujarat	0	0			1852700
6	Himachal Pradesh	1800000	1827000	2027000		
7	Jammu &	1200000	0	3903000	650000	
8	Karnataka	24300000	30198000	23974800	7538000	
9	Kerala	18500000	8352000	9200000		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	32318000		8162000
11	Maharashtra '	0	24908000	36861000	16502000	39192000
12	Manipur	67242000	66556000	73749000	82011000	92893000
13	Meghalaya	60554200	66609620	73270582	80597640	33999205
14	Mizoram	33475000	28165000	24900000	37098000	36900000
15	Nagaland	67311000	123194000	50982000	69719000	102861000
16	Orissa	32316000	11383000			
17	Rajasthan	21831000	0	111005000	13195000	48400000
18	Sikkim	0	0			1269000
19	Tamil Nadu	0	520100	331000		
20	Tripura	5319000	5107400	9079000		16109300
21	Uttar Pradesh	400000	0	640000		
22	West Bengal	3300000	6405840	7363500		9456500
23	A & N Islands	0	0	54760	159200	89000
24	Daman & Diu	0	0		105261	
25	Dadra & N.	0	0			
26	Uttaranchal	0	0	16654000		
27	Chhattisgarh	0	0		3207000	
28	Jharkhand	0	0			
	TOTAL:	768100000	631000000	667822562	515864461	657946550

(v) Grants-in-aid released under the scheme of Book Bank for ST's

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI.No.	Name of the States	2000-2001 Amount released	2001-2002 Amount released	2002-2003 Amount released	2003-2004 Amount released
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	30.2945	47.2	
2	Assam	0	1.995	0	3
3	Gujarat	0	4.88	10.25	
4	Karnataka	0	23.94	20	20
5	Rajasthan	0	6	5.2	5.6
6	Tamil Nadu	0	2.0625	2.64	
7	Tripura	0	2.828	1.49	
8	Chhattisgarh	0	0	8.208	7.3
9	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	30.13	18.09
10	West Bengal	0	0	2.8457	
11	J&K	0	0	7	
12	Orissa	0	0	5.02	5.62

Sl.No.	Name of the States	2000-2001 Amount released	2001-2002 Amount released	2002-2003 Amount released	2003-2004 Amount released
13	Uttaranchal	0	0 0		2.42
14	Himachal Pradesh	0			1.4
	TOTAL;	0	72	139.9837	63.43

NOTE: The Scheme of Book Bank was being implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for both SCs & STs. The ST component was transferred to Ministry of Tribal Affairs in 2000-2001. Therefore, the statement is from the year 2000-2001 to 2003-04.

(vi) Grants-in-aid released under the scheme of Upgradation of Merit

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No	Name of the States	2000-2001 Amount released	2001-2002 Amount released	2002-2003 Amount released	2003-2004 Amount released
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	12.6	0
2	Assam	0	8.85	0	0
3	Himachal Pradesh	0	0.15	0	0
4	Kerala	0	0.75	0	0
5	Orissa	0	10.2	10.2	40.8
6	Rajasthan	0	7.05	4.45	7.73
7	Tripura	0	2.4	2.4	2.4
8	West Bengal	0	4.5	6.3	0
9	Sikkim	0	0	0.75	1.5
10	M.P.	0	0	25.8	0
11	J&K	0	0	2.1	0
12	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	6.45	0
13	Chhattisgarh	0	0	21	21
14	Gujarat	0	0	0	3.45
	TOTAL:	0	33.9	92.05	76.88

NOTE: The Scheme of Upgradation of Merit was being implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for both SCs & STs. The ST componet was transferred to Ministry of Tribal Affairs in 2000-2001. Therefore, the statement is from the year 2000-2001 to 2003-04.

(vii) Grants-in-aid released to States/UT Administrations/Universities/ NGOs under the scheme of coaching and allied

(Rs. in lakhs)

		2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Sl.No.	Name of States/UTs/Universties/ NGOs	Amount released	Amount released	Amount released	Amount released
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	2.79	0	0
2	Karnataka	0	2.15	1.76	0
3	MP. Bhoj University, Madhya Pradesh		9.93	0	0
4	Delhi Education Centre. Delhi (NGO)	0	07.14	7.60	0
5	Orissa	0	2.49	4.82	0
6	Motilal Nehru Reg. College, Allahabad, (UP.)	0	0	0.63	0
7	Gujarat	0	0	8.64	0
8	Chanakaya Academy, Delhi	0	0	1.19	0
9	Himachal Pradesh University	0	0	2.90	0
10	H.N. Bahuguna University	0	0	2.67	0
11	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0.20	0
12	Assam	0	0	1.69	0
13	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	8.04	0
	TOTAL:	0	24.5	40.14	0

NOTE: The Scheme of Coaching and Allied was being implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for both SCs & STs. The ST component was transferred to Ministry of Tribal Affairs in 2000-2001. Therefore, the statement is from the year 2000-2001 to 2003-2004.

Efficiency Promotion Scheme in Madhya Pradesh

†1122. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prescribed number of only 43 students every year allocated to Madhya Pradesh under the efficiency promotion scheme is not less as per population of the State;

(b) whether this number should be increased at least to 150 keeping in view population of the State and whether the State Government has sent any proposal in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have sanctioned any special package for the literacy in tribal areas, and if not whether any scheme is under Government's consideration?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) Under the scheme of Upgradation of Merit a total number of 4x370 *i.e.* 1480 awards have been distributed among all the concerned States in the ratio of the tribal population of the respective States. On the basis of this distribution, a total of 172 awards *(i.e.* 43 awards for each of the classes IX, X, XI and XII have been allocated to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Since the total awards allocated to the State of Madhya Pradesh is already more than 150, the question of State Government sending a proposal to bring this number to 150, does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. Various schemes *(i.e.* Boys/Girls Hostel, Ashram School, Upgradation of Merit, Vocational Training Centre, Post Matric Scholarship, Educational Complex in low literacy pocket, Grant in aid to Voluntary Organisation for Welfare of STs including Coaching and Allied and Award of Special Incentive and Article 275 (1) of the Constitution) which are already being administered by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs aim at improving the literacy in tribal areas.

ST status to more communities in Assam

1123. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a proposal listing the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

names of certain communities from Assam has been sent by the Assam Government for restoring them the Scheduled Tribes status; and

(b) If so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Assam has sent a proposal listing out the names of certain communities for inclusion in the Scheduled Tribes list to Assam.

(b) The proposal is being processed as per approved modalities.

Protection and development of tribals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

†1124. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of the tribes living in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) whether their population is dwindling; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government for safety and all-round development of those tribes?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) The number of Scheduled Tribes living in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands is six which are given as under:

	1981	1991
(i) Great Andamanese	42	32
(ii) Jarawas	31	89
(iii) Nicobarese	21956	25939
(iv) Onges	97	101
(v) Sentineiese	—	24
(vi) Shorn Pens	223	131

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(b) Comparative study of population of STs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands as per 1981 and 1991 Census reveals that the population of Great Andamanese and Shorn Pens tribes has declined.

(c) Various Central/State sector schemes/programmes in the fields of agriculture, animal husbandry, small scale and cottage industry, education, health and drinking water etc. are being implemented under TSP strategy for safety and all-round development of these tribes in the UT of A&N Islands. In order to provide social security to PTGs, the Ministry had decided to provide them benefits of insurance coverage under "Jan Shree" Scheme of Life Insurance Corporation of India in a phased manner.

Financial assistance to tribals

†1125. PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the financial assistance being provided to the States for providing basic facilities to the student of the Tribes and primitive tribes, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Finance and Development Corporation, which provides financial assistance to the tribal groups, has failed to achieve the target; and

(c) if not, the State-wise details of its achievement for the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The details of the financial assistance given to the States for providing basic facilities to the tribal students, including Primitive Tribal Groups under various schemes of the Ministry, are indicated in the Statement-I. (See below)

(b) and (c) Against the cumulative target of Rs. 240.00 crores for the last three years *(i.e.,* 2001-2002, 2002-03 and 2003-04),the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) had sanctioned various schemes/projects having its shares of Rs. 241.37 crores, the details of which are attached in a Statement-ll.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-I

Funds provided to the States under various schemes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs during 2003-04 for providing basic facilities to tribal students

SI. No.	Name of States	Girls Hostels	Boys Hostels	Vocational Training Centre	Ashram School	Post Matric Scholarship	Book Bank	Upgradation of Merit	Eklavya Modal Residential School
1.	Andhra Pradesh	76.50	200.50	107.60	380.00	2435.69	.	_	250.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	65.19	-	.	-
3.	Chhattisgarh	-	-	-'	-	-	7.29	21.00	-
4.	Gujarat	-	-	141.76	-	185.27	-	3.45	30.00
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
6.	Jharkhand	408.90	408.90	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Karnataka	50.00	100.00	-	-	-	20.00	-	97.00
8.	Kerala	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.00
9.	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	-	-	81.62	18.09	-	285.58
10.	Maharashtra	-	-	73.52	-	391.92	-	-	-
11.	Manipur	24.92	24.92	-	-	928.93	-	-	-
12.	Orissa	41.46	-	-	-	-	-	40.80	260.00
13.	Rajasthan	-	-	-	-	484.00	5.60	7.73	70.00
14.	Sikkim	-	-	16.34	-	12.69	-	1.50	-
15.	Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.00
16.	Tripura	-	50.00	-	50.00	161.09	-	2.40	-
17.	Uttaranchal	-	.	-	217.00	-	2.42	-	50.00
18.	West Bengal	26.16	21.60	-	-	94.57	-	-	370.00
19.	Meghalaya	-	-	-	-	339.99	-		-
20.	Mizoram	-	-	61.08	-	369.00	-	-	-
21.	Nagaland	75.00	75.00	-	-	1028.61	-	-	-
22.	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	3.00	-	-
23.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-.	-	1.40	-	-

Statement-ll

Position of sanctions made by the National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC) to the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) during the last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI. No.	Channelising Agencies in States/UTs	Sanctions		
		2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
		NSTFDC's share	NSTFDC's share	NSTFDC's share
1	2	3	4	5
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	372.04	577.81	644.44
1(a)	Girrijan Cooperative Corporation Ltd. (GCC), Andhra Pradesh	-	500.00	500.00
1(b)	A.P. Scheduled Tribes Co-operative Finance Corporation Ltd. Andhra Pradesh	-	2400.00	-
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	32.64	-	
3.	Assam	425.85	124.80	-
4.	Bihar	-	76.00	88.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	-	720.86	968.00
6.	Gujarat	867.57	1012.87	567.6
7.	Himachal Pradesh	247.66	116.18	111.26
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	255.48	78.19	257.60
9.	Jharkhand	286.50	538.39	700.30
10.	Karnataka	324.69	493.94	415.31
11.	Kerala	15.60	16.10	31.1
12.	Lakshadweep	7.24	13.18	32.95
13.	Maharashtra	259.75	354.40	20.00
14.	Meghalaya	-	38.66	-
15.	Madhya Pradesh	753.44	1204.05	696.00
16.	Mizoram	51.85	-	-
17.	Nagaland	88.13	170.79	173.75
18.	Orissa	482.81	197.40	566.51

1 2	3	4	5
19. Rajasthan	720.45	508.73	314.95
20. Skkim	127.23	174.00	132.04
21. Tamil Nadu	-	2.80	-
22. Tripura	69.68	118.45	158.50
23. Uttaranchal	142.28	-	63.52
24. West Bengal	493.69	460.61	673.07

Hostels for tribals in Chhattisgarh

1126. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the hostels for the Scheduled Tribes students funded by Government in Chhattisgarh since 2002-03, till date, year-wise;

(b) the details of the proposals pending with Government for approval;

(c) whether there are reports of involvement of officials of his Ministry indulging in large-scale corruption in examining/sanctioning of the proposals relating to hostels;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) & (b) Information is at Statement (See below).

(c) No such incident has come to the notice of the Ministry.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Statement

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides funds for hostels for STs under two different schemes. The details regarding release of grant under the two schemes is as under.-

Name of the Scheme	Number of hostels funded Chhattisgarh			Details of the proposals pending in
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (till date)	
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Boys/Girls	Nil	Nil	Nil	An incomplete proposal for Rs. 750.85 lakhs for construction of 30 hostels has been received from State Govt. of Chhattisgarh.

Name of the Scheme	Number of hostels funded Chhattisgarh 2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (till date)	Details of the proposals pending in
hostel for STs*				State Govt. has already been advised to send the complete proposal.
Grants-in-aid to NGOs"	6	6	6	Nil
Article 275(1) of the Constitution	Nil	Nil	2	Nil

* In these schemes the funds are provided for construction only.

** In this scheme, the funds are provided for running of the hostels only.

Auction of land for schools

1127. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was strong resistance in the DDA meeting for auction of plots to the educational institutions; and

(b) if so, what is the action Plan proposed by Delhi Government for allotting land for setting up of schools in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that matter pertaining to the mode of disposal of school sites was discussed in the meeting of the Authority held on 22.11.2004. However, no decision was taken on the same. Hence, there has been no change in the prevailing policy.

Probe into land allotted to schools and religious institutions

1128. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to order a probe into the land allotted to the schools and religious institutions from 1999 to 2004;

(b) the details of the schools, social-cultural and religious organizations to whom land was allotted by the Land and Development Office; and

(c) by when the Committee formed to probe the allotments and check if proper procedure was followed would submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Government has appointed a one man Committee comprising of Shri Yogesh Chandra, IAS (Retd.) to inquire into the cases of allotment of land made by the Land and Development Office to various social, cultural, religious and educational institutions since 1998-1999.

(b) The details of the schools, socio-cultural and religious organizations to whom land was allotted by the Land and Development Office during the period from 1999 to 2004 are given in Statement (see below).

(c) The Committee has not submitted its report so far. It is expected to do so soon.

Statement

Allotments made by Land & Development Office to Educational, Social, Cultural and Religious Institutions during the period from 1999-2004

Sl. No.	Name of the Organisation/Institution
1.	Akhil Bhartiya Vishnoi Mahasabha
2.	Vishamhar Homoeopathic Dispensary
3.	Chinmaya Mission
4.	Sunder Nagar Women Welfare Association
5.	Sanatan Dharam Sabha
6.	Asian News International
7.	UNI (United News of India)
8.	PCI (Press Council of India)

SI. No.	Name of the Organisation/Institution
9.	Observer Research Foundation
10.	ICS-IAS Wives Association
11.	Rajyoga Education & Research Foundation
12.	Vishwa Samvad Kendra
13.	Delhi Malyalee Association
14.	Sewa Bharati
15.	Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram
16.	Bharatiya Ekta Evam Vikas Pratishthan
17.	Student Experience in Inter State Living
18.	Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh
19.	Samskrita Bharati
20.	Antar Rashtriya Sahyog Parishad
21.	Sewa International
22.	Vaish Aggarwal
23.	Chronicle Society of India
24.	Mahamana Malviya Mission
25.	Press Club of India
26.	Sree Keshav Sanskar Samiti
27.	Indian Law Firms
28.	Delhi Tax Bar Association
29.	Rashtriya Sewa Samiti
30.	Aghroha Vikas Trust
31.	vldya Bharati Akhil Bharatiya Siksha Sansthan
32.	Asim Sen Spiritual Charitable Society

SI. No	Name of the Organisation/Institution
33.	Rotary Habitat Centre
34.	Indian Heritage Society
35.	Santhigiri Ashram
36.	Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination
37.	National Federation of Blinds
38.	CARITAS INDIA
39.	Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council
40.	Pioneer
41.	The Bar Association
42.	Swadeshi Jagran Foundation
43.	Samskar Bharati
44.	Laghu Udyog Bharati
45.	All India Trade Union Congress
46.	Asian Institute of Transport Development
47.	Bharatiya Kishan Sangh
48.	Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust
49.	Natya Tarangini
50.	Institute of Integrated Learning in Management (IILM)
51.	CRY
52.	Research & Development Foundation for Integral Humanism
53.	Kanchi Kamakoti
54.	Bhartiya Janta Party
55.	Bhartiya Janta Party (Delhi Pradesh)
56.	Shree Raghwandra Swami Mutt
57.	Vishwa Hindu Parishad
58.	Sri Sanatan Dharam Sabha, RK. Puram, New Delhi
59.	Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Sector-8, R.K. Puram

SI. No.	Name of the Organisation/Institution
60.	Sri Guru Ram Rai Udasin Ashram (Shiv Mandir), Aram Bagh New Delhi.
61.	Arya Pradeshik Pratinidhi Sabha
62.	Sri Vithal Mandir Sanstha, Sec-VI, New Delhi
63.	Sri Math Guru Goraknath, Trust, M.B. Road, New Delhi
64.	Dharam Yatra Mahasangh
65.	Guru Singh Sabha, Defence Colony
66.	Ved Vigyan Maha Vidyapeeth
67.	Sanatan Dharam Sabha (Hari Mandir), Timarpur, Lucknow Road
68.	Uttaradi Math, M.B. Road
69.	Jagadguru Sr. Veerasimhasana Math, M.B. Road, Sector-6,
70.	Ayyapa Temple Samiti, M.B. Road, New Delhi
71.	Arya Samaj, Minto Road, New Delhi
72.	DAV Nursery School, Mandir Marg
73.	Shiv Niketan Education Society, DIZ Area
74.	Samarth Shiksha Samiti, Amar Colony
75.	Tamana School, Vasant Vihar
76.	I.P. Girls Hr. Secondary School, MB Road
77.	Dr. Zakir Hussain Memorial College Trust, Minto Road
78.	South Delhi Ed. Society, (Alternative land), R.K. Puram
79.	Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Canning Lane
'80.	Mata Amritanandamayi Math, Sec-4, MB Road
81.	Samartha Shiksha Samiti, MB Road
82.	Bengal Educational & Cultural Association, Minto Road
83.	Suniye, M.B. Road
84.	Jain Sabha
85.	Delhi Public School, Sec-10, R.K. Puram

Sl.No.	Name of the Organisation/Institution
86.	Delhi Public, School, MB Road
87.	Jan Kalyan Shiksha Samiti, RK Puram
88.	Gujrat Education Society, DIZ Area
89.	Public Montessori School, Timarpur
90.	Samartha Shiksha Samiti, Vasant Vihar
91.	Samartha Shiksha Samiti, Aram Bagh
92.	Indraprastha College of women, Sham Nath Marg
93.	DevSamaj Modern School, Nehru Nagar
94.	Vaish Aggarwal Educational Society, MB Road
95.	Mukherjee Public School, Sarojini Nagar
96.	Samarth Shiksha Samiti, Shivalik
97.	Delhi Public School, Lodhi Road

Status of Bangalore Metro Rail Project

1129. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government would take a final decision on the much-delayed Bangalore Metro Rail Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has prepared a detailed project report for the Bangalore Metro Rail Project;

(c) the details of the cost of this project and the Central and the State Government's share; and

(d) the details of the finding submitted by the Financial appraiser of UTI Bank and whether the project details have been sent to the Banks and the financial institutions or not?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Bangalore MRTS Project (Phase-I) has been prepared by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) as consultants in a study conducted with grant assistance of 40 per cent by the Government of India. The project has been given

'in-principle' approval by the Planning Commission. Government of Kamataka has got a Financial appraisal carried out by the UTI bank Ltd. (UTIBL) and have recently sent a proposal in this regard to the Central Government.

(c) and (d) As per UTIBL's Financial Appraisal, the total cost of the project is Rs.5605 crore (Completion cost) and in addition, capital expenditure of Rs.347 crore for rolling stock in the second year of operation and Rs.255 crore to meet the short-fall in revenue for servicing the debt during the first six years of operation has been estimated. The Appraisal Report of the UTIBL has been sent by the State Government to the Banks and Financial Institutions interested in funding the project. An exercise regarding the financial pattern including the respective shares of the Central and the State Governments has been initiated.

Allocation of funds for Mega City Scheme

1130. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated and disbursed by Government for the Mega City Scheme for the different cities since its inception, year-wise as compared to the amounts committed according to the financial guidelines of the scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of West Bengal is eligible for the allocation for the Mega City Scheme for Kolkata; and

(c) if so, the time frame by when this disbursement would be made?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) A Statement indicating year-wise funds released by Central Government to mega cities since the launch of the Centrally-Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities is given in the Statement (See below).

As per the guidelines of the Centrally-Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities, sharing between Central and State Governments is in the ratio of 25:25 and the balance 50 per cent is mobilized from financial institutions.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Funds have been released each year to Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA), nodal agency designated by State Government of West Bengal for Kolkata Mega City.

Statement

Centrally sponsored scheme for infrastructure development in mega cities (MEGA CITY SCHEME) *Release of central share as on 30.11.2004*

Name of Mega City	Year	Central Share released (Rs. in crore)
Mumbai	1993-94	20.10
	1994-95	16.10
	1995-96	18.08
	1996-97	13.08
	1997-98	17.73
	1998-99	17.39
	1999-2000	19.40
	2000-01	20.08
	2001-02	23.16
	2002-03	25.32
	2003-04	47.77411
	2004-05	17.77950
	TOTAL:	255.99361
Kolkata	1993-94	20.10
	1994-95	16.10
	1995-96	18.08
	1996-97	13.58
	1997-98	14.89
	1998-99	16.23
	1999-2000	16.78
	2000-01	19.09
	2001-02	25.70
	2002-03	26.23
	2003-04	41.30170
	2004-05	46.175
	TOTAL:	274.2567
Chennai	1993-94	15.10
	1994-95	11.10
	1995-96	17.08

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	1996-97	11.98
	1997-98	12.81
	1998-99	13.78
	1999-2000	14.15
	2000-01	16.10
	2001-02	21.58
	2002-03	22.12
	2003-04	34.81929
	2004-05	38.9315
	TOTAL	229.55079
Hyderabad	1993-94	15.10
	1994-95	11.10
	1995-96	15.58
	1996-97	11.71
	1997-98	12.22
	1998-99	13.90
	1999-2000	15.66
	2000-01	16.21
	2001-02	23.80
	2002-03	24.49
	2003-04	38.544920
	2004-05	14.3406666
	TOTAL	212.6555866
Bangalore	1993-94	00.10
	1994-95	20.10
	1995-96	15.08
	1996-97	10.55
	1997-98	11.25
	1998-99	13.55
	1999-2000	13.91
	2000-01	14.42
	2001-02	21.16
	2002-03	21.74
	2003-04	4.22998
	2004-05	34.811
	TOTAL:	210.90098
	GRAND TOTAL:	1183.3576666

Metro rail services

1131. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently feasibility studies have been undertaken for providing metro rail services to some major cities across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the cities identified for the purpose and the pattern of funding outlined therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some feasibility studies have been carried out by the respective State Governments, with Government of India's assistance of 40% of the cost of the study. On the basis of feasibility studies, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are prepared and each project is appraised for its viability, impact and other aspects and the pattern of funding is decided accordingly. Among the studies/DPRs that have been taken up are those in Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, etc. In Bangalore, after preparation of the DPR, the State Government has got a Financial Appraisal carried out by UTI Bank Ltd. recently. In Delhi, DPR for Phase-ll of the Delhi MRTS Project has been taken up. In Mumbai, a Metro Master Plan has been prepared by the consultants and DPR for two priority corridors have been taken up. In other cities, studies/DPRs are at different stages.

Amendment in Master Plan of Delhi

1132. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has agreed to amend the Master Plan of Delhi, 2001 to regularise all the residential areas that have more than 70 per cent industries to save the industries from imminent closure; and

(b) if so, when the process would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) On a reference received from Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD), the Union Government has issued a

Public Notice under the provisions of Section 11-A of the Delhi Development Act on 4th November, 2004 giving its intent to incorporate an enabling provision in the Master Plan for Delhi, 2001 to the effect that non conforming clusters of industrial concentration of minimum 4 hectare contiguous area having more than 70% plots within the cluster under manufacturing activity/ use might be considered for redevelopment on the basis of surveys carried out by the Industry Department of GNCTD. Amendments in the Master Plan of Delhi are carried out after following statutory which are considered/ kept in view before the final notification.

Legislation to regulate building activities

1133. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring in a legislation to streamline and regulate the large scale building activities taking places in metros and other cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this would help to control illegal construction and corruption in the system?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NAB! AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bill proposes to regulate and control the activities relating to the development and management of colonies and promotion of construction, sale, transfer and management of buildings apartments and other similar properties with a view to ensuring compliance by the promoters, builders, contractors and other persons like architects and engineers who are engaged in the construction of such buildings. It would also ensure that they follow the measures specified for the safe construction and protection of these properties against natural calamities. It also proposes to incorporate necessary measures to safeguard the interest of buyers.

(c) Bringing in such legislation on Real Estate Developers' operations would facilitate regulating development activities by private developers.